

St. Paul's Cathedral

Territory of the People

Anglican Church of Canada, Kamloops, BC

Joyful, Rooted, Hospitable, Responsive

December 24, 2021, Christmas Eve 7pm service

Today's service originates from the traditional territory of the Tk'emplúps te Secwepemc – Kamloops & Area First Nation. We acknowledge their care for and working of the land prior to contact with Europeans. As Canadian Anglicans, we continue to work toward healing and reconciliation and a new experience of sharing the land together.



Welcome to St Paul's Cathedral, a place where all are welcome to join us in worship and fellowship. We love and respect all of God's people. For the safety of all, we ask if you are joining us for worship and are 12 or over, please have both COVID-19 vaccinations. If you have had both vaccines and are joining us for in-person services, please wear a mask and practice social distancing. If you choose not to be vaccinated, please join our online service, live-streamed each week on our Facebook Page. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Rev Len, Interim Priest

Organ Prelude - Variations on "Good Christians now Rejoice" by Bedard (c) 1993
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WORDS OF WELCOME Len

Opening Hymn: O Come All ye Faithful CP 118 Jim

1. 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;

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him (3x)
Christ the Lord.

2. God of God, Light of Light
Lo, he abhors not the virgin womb;
very God, begotten, not created.
(to Refrain)

3. Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above.
Glory to God in the highest.
(to Refrain)

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.
(to Refrain)
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The Gathering of the Community

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.
And also with you.

Almighty God,
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.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

All: Lead us on, lead us on
To a morning where the promise shines.
Lead us on, lead us on
To a morning where the promise shines.

Responsive Litany for Christmas Eve – The Promise of Arrival

One: Advent is a time for the God's people to reawaken their longings.

All: Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

One: Tonight, we long to worship the newborn king.

All: Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

One: Tonight, we long to hear the good news proclaimed by the angels.

All: Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

One: Tonight we long to receive the promise foretold.

All: Joy to the world, the Savior reigns

Candle Lighting:

One: Tonight we light all the candles. The first candle ignites the thrill of hope in the hearts of weary people. The second candle shines peace that surpasses

understanding into a conflicted and confused world. The third candle expresses the joy of fulfilled promises and the anticipation of those yet to come. The fourth candle shines with grace and new life in God's unconditional love. Tonight we light the Christ candle in celebration of our Messiah's birth. As God's promises continue to shine, we echo the words shared through the ages. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! **Amen.**

**All: Lead us on, lead us on
To a morning where the promise shines.
Lead us on, lead us on
To a morning where the promise shines.**

(from *A Candle Lighting Ceremony: Where the Promise Shines*. Words: *Sylvia Dunstan*, Music *Bob Moore*, Setting *Joel Raney*, 1995, *GIA Publishing*)

A Candle is Burning - VU 6 **Jim**

1. A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
a candle of hope in December's dark night.
While angel's sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.

2. A candle is burning a candle of peace,
a candle to signal that conflict must cease,
for Jesus is coming to show us the way,
a message of peace humbly laid in the hay.

3. A candle is burning, a candle of joy,
a candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.
Our hearts fill with wonder, our eyes light and glow,
as joy brightens winter as sunshine on snow. ,

4. A candle is burning, a candle of love,
a candle to point us to heaven above.
A baby for Christmas a wonderful birth,
For Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.

5. We honour Messiah with Christ candle's flame,
our Christmas Eve candles glad tidings proclaim.
O come, all you faithful, rejoice in this night.
as God comes among us, the Christian's true light.

COLLECT: *Let us pray*

Eternal God,
this holy night is radiant
with the brilliance of your one true light.
As we have known
the revelation of that light on earth,
bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH

Elaine

The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.
Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent.
You who remind the LORD, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth.

Hear what the Spirit says to all people

Thanks be to God

Psalm 96:

1 Sing to the Lord a new song; *

sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

2 Sing to the Lord and bless his name; *

proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations *

and his wonders among all peoples.

4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *

he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *

but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *

Oh, the power and the splendour of his sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *

ascribe to the Lord honour and power.

8 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due his name; *

bring offerings and come into his courts.

9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *

let the whole earth tremble before him.

10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is king! *

he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; ***let the field be joyful and all that is therein.**

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, ***when he comes to judge the earth.**

13 He will judge the world with righteousness *

and the peoples with his truth.

We worship you, God of glory, in the beauty of holiness, and we joyfully proclaim your just and righteous rule, established for all, through your Son Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO TITUS

DJ

But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

TITUS 3:4-7

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Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: Hark the Herald Angels - CP 138

Jim

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn 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 newborn King."

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 one of us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

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 we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth,
Born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

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GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Len

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went

from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. Luke 2:1-20

**The Gospel of Christ
Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**

SERMON

Len

The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism,
as we say,

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lindley

Offertory: Shepherds in the Field Abiding - CP 135 Jim

Verse 1:

Shepherds in the field abiding, tell us, where the seraph bright
greeted you with wondrous tiding, what you saw and heard that night.

Refrain:

Gloria, in Excelsis Deo, Gloria, in Excelsis Deo.

Verse 2:

We beheld (it is no fable), God incarnate, King of Bliss,
Swathed and cradled in a stable, and the angel strain was this:
(to refrain)

Verse 3:

Choristers on high were singing, Jesus and His Virgin Birth,
heavenly bell the while a ringing, "Peace, goodwill to all on earth".
(to refrain)

Verse 4:

Thanks, good shepherds, true your story; let us go to Bethlehem.
Angels hymn the King of Glory; carol we with you and them.
(to refrain)

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jim

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

**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.**

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Solo: O Holy Night by Adolph Adam

Jim

Prayer

God of all, tonight you have united earth and heaven
in sending your Son to take our human nature.
May we who have tasted heavenly things
share in the life of his eternal kingdom.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CLOSING HYMN: Silent Night CP 119

1 Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

2 Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight:
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia,
Christ the Saviour is born!
Christ the Saviour is born!

3 Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Organ Postlude- In Dulci Jubilo , (Good Christians now Rejoice) by JS Bach
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WORSHIP MINISTERS at 10 a.m. service

Worship Leader: Rev Canon Len Fraser; Organist: Gail Ovington; Music Director: Gail Ovington; Hymn Leaders: Lock Up: Jim Waldie; Prayers of the People: Lindley Roff; Readers: Elaine Parkes, DJ Clarke

St. Paul's Cathedral 2021 Christmas Flowers

Given by	In loving memory or in joyful celebration
Linda Jackson	in loving memory of her husband George Wilmot from his wife Linda Jackson
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Maude Krokosz	in memory of her Dad's Birthday on Dec. 24 from his daughter Maude
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Elaine Parkes	In celebration and Thanksgiving for our wonderful Families from Elaine and Roger Parkes.
Elizabeth Kavanagh	in loving memory of James and Clarissa Kavanagh from Elizabeth Kavanagh
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Karen & Bob Shouldice	in loving memory of our parents from Karen and Bob Shouldice.
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Randy & Carol Patch	In loving memory of our parents, our siblings, Daniel and Frances.
Jim & Trish Waldie	In loving memory of our sister in law – Carol Waldie
Christmas flowers on the Chapel Altar	are given by Jim and Margaret Mitchell to the Glory of God and in memory of two darling sons James Ian and Richard Stephen forever in our hearts. Love from Mom and Dad.