



CHRISTMAS EVE

Saturday, 24th December, 2011

FAMILY SERVICE

4 pm

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of the Redeemer.

We are happy to have you with us. This service is part of our ongoing life of worship, learning and service. We are here to deepen our relationship with God and with one another, and to explore how to live our lives more fully and compassionately. Please let us know more about you by completing a welcome card which can be found in the pews and placing it in the offering plate or handing it to any usher.

A WARM WELCOME to all our friends and visitors to this service. The service sheet is designed to make the service as clear as possible, so that all may partake fully in the worship. This service is designed for families with children. Children are most welcome! If you have any needs, or questions about the service itself, or about our life and ministries, do not hesitate to ask one of the ushers on duty – they are here to assist you.

Christmas is a time for families and if you are visiting us tonight, we are very happy to have you with us as our Church family celebrates our Lord's birth. If you are new to Calgary and are looking for a spiritual home which welcomes all people – especially children – we hope that you will consider joining our Cathedral family.

The hymns are found in the Blue hymnal entitled *Common Praise*.
The asterisk (*) indicates when the congregation kneels.

PRELUDE *Harmonies du Soir*, op. 72, no. 1 Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

All stand with the entrance of the Clergy.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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.**

HYMN 135

Iris

COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Celebrant 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 for ever.

All **Amen.**

All sit

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

READING

Titus 2: 11-14

Reader: Jamie Hutchison

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

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The congregation reads the portions of the verses printed in bold type

Sing to the LORD a new song; *

sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *

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

Declare his glory among the nations *

and his wonders among all peoples.

For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *

he is more to be feared than all gods.

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

but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.
 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.”**
 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.
 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

All stand

HYMN 126

Cradle Song

GOSPEL

Luke 2: 1-20

Gospeller The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **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.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

The Rector

*The Children are invited to the front of the Cathedral.
The Congregation may be seated.*

At the conclusion of the Children’s Message, all stand.

THE BLESSING OF THE CRECHE

Celebrant Today you will know that the Lord is coming to save us:
People **And in the morning you will see his glory.**

Celebrant Let us pray that God our Father will bless this crib,
and that all who worship
his Son, born of the Virgin Mary,
may come to share his life in glory.

God our Father,
on this night your Son Jesus Christ
was born of the Virgin Mary for us
and for our salvation.

Bless this crib,
which we have prepared to celebrate that holy birth;
may all who see it be strengthened in faith
and receive the fullness of life he came to bring,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All

Amen.

The figure of the Christ Child is placed in the manger. The service continues with

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant

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

Leader: Marcia McLean

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;
People **For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who
are alone.**

Leader For this community, our country, and the world;
People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;
People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People **For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.**

Leader For Derek our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;
People **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Leader For our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Leader Hear us, Lord;
People **For your mercy is great.**

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The people may add their own thanksgivings.

Leader We will exalt you, O God our king;
People **And praise your name for ever and ever.**

Leader We pray for all those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Leader Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;
People **Who put their trust in you.**

Leader We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence.

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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.**

THE PEACE

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

All may greet one another in the name of the Lord, most commonly with a handshake.

All sit for

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

HYMN 143

Regent Square

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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Celebrant God of love and power,
your word stirs within us
the expectation of the coming of your Son.
Accept all we offer you this day,
and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you;
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts;
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
for the gift of a world full of wonder,
and for our life which comes from you.
By your power you sustain the universe.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant You created us to love you with all our heart,
and to love each other as ourselves,
but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.
In Jesus, your Son,
you bring healing to our world
and gather us into one great family.
Therefore, with all who serve you
on earth and in heaven,
we praise your wonderful name, as we say,

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, loving Father,
because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us
you showed us how much you love us.
He cares for the poor and the hungry.
He suffers with the sick and the rejected.
Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back
but overcame hatred with love.
On the cross
he defeated the power of sin and death.
By raising him from the dead
you show us the power of your love
to bring new life to all your people.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant On the night before he gave up his life for us,

Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them,
saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you."
After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which is shed for you and for many,
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me."

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Gracious God,
with this bread and wine
we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus,
and we offer ourselves to you in him.
Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,
that we may know the presence of Jesus
in the breaking of bread,
and share in the life
of the family of your children.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Father, you call us to be your servants;
fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,
that all the world may gather in joy
at the table of your kingdom.
We sing your praise, almighty Father,
through Jesus, our Lord,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia!**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE COMMUNION

Please take purses and valuables with you when you go to Communion
Sacramental Minister: Doug Hewitt

In the Anglican Church, all baptized people, including children, are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Adults wishing to come forward for a blessing only, are asked to cross their arms over their chests as a signal to the Priests. Children who are to receive a blessing only are asked to keep their hands by their sides.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant All your works praise you, O Lord.
All **And your faithful servants bless you.**

**Gracious God
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son**

**Jesus Christ.
May we, who share his body,
live his risen life;
we, who drink his cup,
bring life to others;
we, whom the Spirit lights,
give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so that we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 154

Antioch

VOLUNTARY *Prelude in G, BWV 568*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT THE CATHEDRAL

Saturday, 24 December

Christmas Eve

11:00 pm Candlelight Choral Eucharist with traditional carols
Celebrant and Preacher: The Rector

Sunday, 25 December

Christmas Day

10:30 am Procession and Sung Eucharist
Celebrant and Preacher: The Bishop of Calgary

Intercessions

FOR THOSE IN NEED: Kristy Benckhuysen (granddaughter of Mike and Sandy Prior), Kyle McLeod (son of friends of Lynne Phillips), Vivian Price

FOR THOSE ON THE PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER: Derek & Pauline Hoskin; Leighton Lee; Cyril & Elizabeth Challice; Tim Pyper & Zach Wadsworth; Eva Rudolf; Sandra Savage

Music, Liturgy and Christian Education

- ❖ There will be **NO Candlelight Vespers** on Thursday, December 29 or Thursday, January 5, 2012.
- ❖ **Sunday School** resumes on Sunday, January 8.

Newcomers

- ❖ If you are new to the Cathedral and would like to become a member, please fill out the welcome card which can be found in the pew and check the box titled "I would like to become a member of the Cathedral." This card can be placed in the offering plate or handed to the Rector. You can also email the office at office@anglican Cathedral Calgary.ca Our next new members Sunday is **January 15, 2011**.

Parish Information

- ❖ **Baptism** is a declaration that within the physical dwells the spiritual. It is linking a life with Christ. The rite of Baptism is provided by arrangement with the clergy.
- ❖ **Confirmation** is a declaration that one consciously assumes the obligations and privileges of the Church's life and seeks the strength and inspiration that come from the laying on of hands by the Bishop. For further information, please speak with the Rector.
- ❖ **Holy Matrimony** is performed by arrangement with the clergy. For more information, please call the Cathedral office at 403-269-1905 or email office@anglican Cathedral Calgary.ca .
- ❖ **The Cathedral Choir** is open to anyone who has previous choral experience and an ability to read music. For more information, please contact *Dr. Timothy Pyper, Director of Music* at 403-269-1905 ext.117 or email tim@timpyper.com

- ❖ **Pledging** expresses a parishioner's intention to make a financial commitment to the Cathedral Church of the Redeemer. Most parishioners make weekly or monthly pledge payments, though some pay quarterly, semi-annually or once a year. For information regarding pledging, please contact *Sandra Savage, Treasurer* at 403-269-1905 ext.113 or email savagebookkeeper@shaw.ca
- ❖ **Outreach.** For information about the many outreach opportunities in the parish, please contact the Cathedral office at 403-269-1905 or email office@anglicancathedralcalgary.ca
- ❖ **Change of Address.** Please indicate any changes to contact information (address, telephone number, etc.) on a pew card, and place it in the collection plate or contact the Cathedral office at 403-269-1905, or email office@anglicancathedralcalgary.ca

Envelope Information

- ❖ **Contribution envelopes for 2012** are available for pickup in the Narthex. They are arranged alphabetically for your convenience. Some envelope numbers have been reassigned, so please **do not use** envelopes from past years. Those parishioners subscribing to the Pre-Authorized Donation (PADs) plan will not have physical envelopes assigned to them. If you donate through PADs, and wish to make extra contributions during the year, you are asked to use a Visitor Envelope marked with your new number, or just your name. Please contact the office at 403-269-1905 ext.112, or office@anglicancathedralcalgary.ca if you have any questions regarding the donation envelopes, if your contact information changes, or if you would like to start using envelopes.



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Norreen Baker-Hall, *Rector's Warden* • **Jamie Hutchison, *People's Warden***

Christine Sutherland, *Assistant Warden*

Office hours are Monday – Thursday 9 AM – 4 PM

The Rector's day off is Friday

Noon-hour Eucharists are suspended until Tuesday, January 4, 2011

The office is closed on Monday, December 27 and Tuesday, December 28

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CATHEDRAL
ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY**

Cyril and Elizabeth Challice

The Crump and Kopp Families

Brian and Irene Dean

In loving memory of Shane McIlwrath (died May 2011) and Courtney Sandin (died Nov. 2011)

June Gates

In loving memory of Alf Gates, dear husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather

Roxanne Haniff-Darwent and Family

In loving memory of Sarah Jane Mars, our great-grandmother; Joseph Maurice Haniff, our father and grandfather; Sheila Alberta Haniff, our mother and grandmother; Charles Robert Darwent, husband and father; Mary Mentore, our grandmother

The Rev'd Leighton Lee

In loving memory of Andrew and Emma Lee, Harry and Gladys Hendricksen, Meredith Steers and The Rev'd Professor Peter J. Gomes

Dorothy Major and Family

In loving memory of Mam, Dad, husband Jack, Sister Joyce, Tom, brother Laurence, June, niece Wendy, Dad John, Cindy, Tinker and Misty

Lynne Phillips and Family

Sandra and Michael Prior and Family

In loving memory of those Priors and Bristos who have gone before

Joanne Snyder

In fond memory of Reta Manahan