



# Christ Church Cathedral

Vancouver, BC | Anglican Church of Canada



*Gospel Christmas For The City*

1:00pm, December 24, 2011

# Christmas Message 2011

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come!*

It is a delight to share together this joyful celebration of Christ's birth. This historic Cathedral Church has been the site for such celebrations for over 120 years, bringing together people from across the city to rejoice in this sacred and welcoming space. We sing and pray and worship here, drawn by the love of God revealed to us in a vulnerable human baby. We gather to hear again the story of Jesus and to be reminded that God loves humanity so much that he chose to be born and live among us.

This story that we hear at Christmas sets the scene for this cathedral's life throughout the year. We see the love of God in the birth and life of Jesus and try to show that same love in all we do. This means that we welcome all people into this sacred space, knowing that God loves and values each one of us whatever our race, gender, sexual orientation, social standing or faith tradition. We seek to help all who come through these doors to know something of the love, beauty and mystery of the divine and to explore the deepest meaning of their life. We reach out especially to those in need, those marginalized by society and those in any kind of pain, following in the footsteps of Jesus who healed the sick and who delighted in welcoming into fellowship the lonely and the lost.

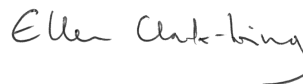
These intentions and ideals are made visible in the weekly life of the Cathedral. We are home to various Twelve Step groups, we invite homeless people to sit down and listen to music while we serve them soup and sandwiches, we rejoice in the presence of children and young people who are learning about love and life and God, we invite musicians and performers to use this space for creative and joyful performances and, of course, we welcome women and men who are seeking to find a spiritual reality that makes sense to them. Doing all of this costs money, as does looking after and caring for this beautiful heritage building. Keeping the cathedral open, even before we offer any worship or social services, costs over \$1500 a day. We are grateful for your generous financial support of this important place in Vancouver. Please make your gift by using the Visitor Donation Envelopes included in this program.

We wish you a joyous and blessed Christmas!

Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas – star and angels gave the sign.  
Love shall be our token, love be yours and love be mine;  
Love to God and neighbour, love for prayer and gift and sign.  
Christina Rossetti



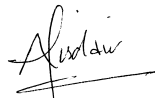
Peter Elliott  
Dean and Rector



Ellen Clark-King  
Archdeacon and Priest Associate



Chris Dierkes  
Curate



Alisdair Smith  
Deacon and Business Chaplain



The Rev. Dixie Black  
Deacon

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WITH THE GOOD NOISE VANCOUVER GOSPEL CHOIR

Gail Suderman, Director/Piano

Michael Kalanj, Hammond B3, Elliot Polsky, Drums, Brent Gubbels, Bass Guitar,  
Ingrid Stitt, Alto and Soprano Saxophones

*Welcome* Dean Peter Elliott

*Opening Prayer* The Rev. Chris Dierkes

*Choir* Rejoice! Richard Smallwood

*Congregational Carol* **Good Christians All, Rejoice**

Good Christians all, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice!  
listen now to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;  
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now!  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christians all, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice!  
Hear the news of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this;  
he has opened heaven's door, and we are blessed for evermore!  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christians all, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice!  
Now you need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save:  
come at his most gracious call to find salvation, one and all!  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Text: German-Latin carol (14 cent.); tr. John Mason Neale, alt.

Music: Melody *Geistliche Lieder*, Wittenberg; harm. Robert Lucas Pearsall; arr. John Stainer

*Reading* Luke 1:26-38

*Choir* Joy to the World GF Handel, arr. G. Suderman/E.Henderson/M.Mosely  
Solo: Cayla Brooke

*Congregational Carol*

*The First Nowell*

The first nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep. *Refrain*

*Refrain:* Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star,  
shining in the east, beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night. *Refrain*

And by the light of that same star  
three wise men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went. *Refrain*

This star drew nigh to the northwest;  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
and there it did both stop and stay,  
right over the place where Jesus lay. *Refrain*

Then entered in those wise men three  
full reverently upon their knee,  
and offered there in his presence  
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. *Refrain*

Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
who hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
and with his blood salvation bought. *Refrain*

Text: English Trad. Music: *The First Nowell*, Melody English Trad. arr. John Stainer.

*Reading*

Luke 1:39-56

*Choir*

Do you Hear What I Hear?

Noel Regney and Gloria Shayne

*Reading*

Luke 2:1-7

*Choir*

Mary Did You Know  
Solo: Aaron Buchholz

Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene

*Congregational Carol*

## What Child is This

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
while shepherds watch are keeping?

*Refrain*

*This, this is Christ the king,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son, of Mary*

Why lies he in such mean estate,  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here  
the silent Word is pleading. *Refrain*

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
come, peasant, king, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
let loving hearts enthrone him. *Refrain*

Text: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)  
Music: Melody English Trad.; arr. *Christmas  
Carols New and Old*, 1871, alt

*During "What Child is This" children are asked to come to the front.*

*Children's Story*

Kate Newman

*Congregational Carol*

## It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

It came upon a midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth  
to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, to all good will  
from heaven's most gracious king"  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come  
with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heavenly music floats  
o'er all the weary world;  
above its sad and lowly plains  
they bend on hovering wing,  
and ever o'er its Babel sounds  
the blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife  
the world has suffered long;  
beneath the angel-strain have rolled  
two thousand years of wrong;  
and we amid our wars hear not  
the words of peace they bring;  
O listen now, and still your strife  
to hear the angels sing.

And you, beneath life's crushing load,  
whose forms are bending low,  
who toil along the climbing way  
with painful steps and slow;  
look now, for glad and golden hours  
come swiftly on the wing:  
O rest beside the weary road  
and hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on,  
by prophets seen of old,  
when with the ever circling years shall  
come the time foretold:  
when the new heaven and earth shall  
own the Prince of Peace their King,  
and the whole world send back the song  
which now the angels sing.

Text: Edmund Hamilton Sears (1810-1876), alt.  
Music: Richard Storrs Willis (1819-1900)

*Choir*

Silent Night, Holy Night  
Solo: Gail Suderman

J. Mohr, written and adapted, Gail Suderman

*Reading*

John 1:1–14

*Offertory*

*During the music, the offerings of the people are collected. An offering envelope has been included for donations. Tax receipts will be issued for amounts over \$10.*

*Congregational Carol*

## Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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 heav'n 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 newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings  
Ris'n 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 newborn King!"

Text: Charles Wesley (1701-1788)

*Closing Prayers  
& Blessing*

Archdeacon Ellen Clark-King

*Choir*

Go Tell It!  
Solo: Cayla Brooke

Traditional, arr. G. Suderman/E. Henderson/M. Mosely

## *Participants in the Service*

*Clergy* Dean Peter Elliott, Archdeacon Ellen Clark-King,  
The Rev. Chris Dierkes, The Rev. Alisdair Smith,  
The Rev. Dixie Black

*Music* The Good Noise Vancouver Gospel Choir,  
Gail Suderman, Director/Piano;  
Michael Kalanj, Hammond B3, Elliot Polsky, Drums, Brent  
Gubbels, Bass Guitar, Ingrid Stitt, Alto and Soprano Saxophones

*Readers* Dal Richards, Band Leader & Vancouver Icon  
Professor Stephen Toope, President of UBC  
The Honourable Christy Clark, Premier of British Columbia  
Mike Robinson, Executive Director, Bill Reid Gallery

Children's Story Kate Newman

*Welcomers* Jane Dittrich, Elaine Young, Ian Birtwell, Tom Young,  
John Kowalchuk, Gins Doolittle, Dianne Desrosiers,  
Peter Mercer, Ginger Shaw, Sheena MacIntyre, Alan Blizzard  
Marian Carson

### **Will you Give?**

Please consider a generous offering to help cover the costs of today's service and to support our compassionate care in the community. The true costs to the Cathedral on days like this approaches \$25/person. Your offerings will also warm and comfort hungry and homeless men and women through the Cathedral's meal programs, which feed hundreds each week.



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