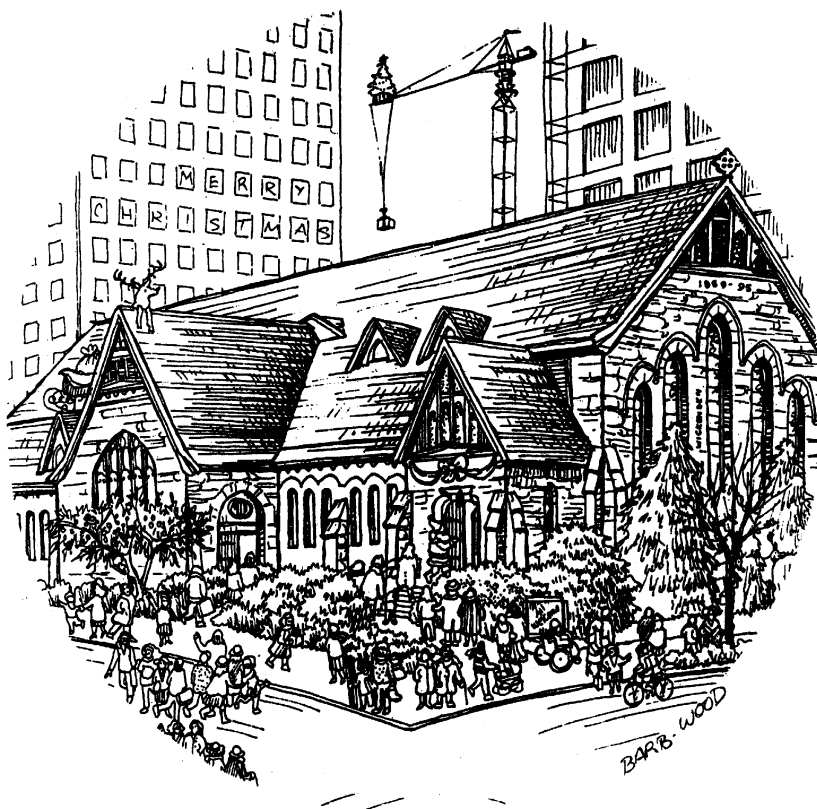




Christ Church Cathedral

Vancouver, BC | Anglican Church of Canada



Carols For The City

4:00pm, 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.

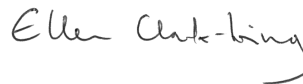
These intentions and ideals are made visible in the weekly life of the Cathedral. We are home to various Twelve Step groups, we invite homeless people to sit down and listen to music while we serve them soup and sandwiches, we rejoice in the presence of children and young people who are learning about 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



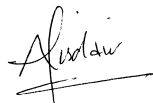
Peter Elliott
Dean and Rector



Ellen Clark-King
Archdeacon and Priest Associate



Chris Dierkes
Curate



Alisdair Smith
Deacon and Business Chaplain



Dixie Black
Deacon

Please do not leave valuables unattended.

Carols For The City

SOUTHMOUNT CITADEL BAND OF THE SALVATION ARMY, PERCY PAVEY, BANDMASTER
MAJOR LARRY MARTIN DIVISIONAL COMMANDER FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA, CAROL LEADER & MC

<i>Prelude</i>	A Christmas Intrada The Basque Noel	David Rowsell Arranged by Terry Camsey
<i>Welcome</i>	Dean Peter Elliott	
<i>Invocation</i>	Major Gordon Armstrong, Pastor of Southmount Citadel	

Joy to the World!

Joy to the World! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing...
Joy to the Earth! the Saviour reigns: let men their songs employ!
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy...
He rules the earth with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love...

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

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."
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."
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 new born King."

Reading

Luke 1:26-38

Solo

Mary Did You Know

Cameron Rawlins

See Amid the Winter's Snow

See amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below;
see the tender lamb appears, promised from eternal years,

Refrain Hail, thou ever blessed morn; hail, redemption's happy dawn;
sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Lo, within a manger lies he who built the starry skies;
he who throned in height sublime sits amid the cherubim ...*Refrain*

As we watched at dead of night, lo, we saw a wondrous light;
angels singing "Peace on earth" told us of the Saviour's birth ...*Refrain*

Sacred infant, all divine, what a mighty love was thine,
thus to come from highest bliss down to such a world as this! *Refrain*

Good Christians All, Rejoice

Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Give ye heed to what we say: News! News!
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!
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy!
Jesus Christ was born for this.

He hath oped the heavenly 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 ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace!
Jesus Christ was born to save, calls you one and calls you all
to gain his everlasting hall,
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Reading

Luke 1:39-56

Once in Royal David's City

Once in Royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed;
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all.
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and mean and lowly lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And through all his wondrous childhood He would honour and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden, in whose gentle arms he lay,
We as children all must be kind, obedient, good as he.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;
Where like stars his children crowned all in white shall gather round.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem how still we see thee 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 tonight.

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.

O Holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

Reading

Luke 2:1-7

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

While Shepherds watched their flocks by night
all seated on the ground
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.

“Fear not,” said he for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind;
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind.”

“To you in David’s town this day
is born of David’s line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign:

“The heavenly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands;
and in a manger laid.”

Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song:

“All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven
to earth, begin and never cease.”

Silent Night! Holy Night!

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!

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!

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.

Reading

John 1:1–14

The children are invited to gather at the platform, while we sing the melody of Away in a Manger.

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus I ask you to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Infant holy, infant lowly,
for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing,
Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing,
noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
vigil till the morning new
saw the glory, heard the story,
tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you.

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 good will to all from heaven's all 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.

For, lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet bards foretold,
when with the ever-circling years comes round the age of gold,
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendours fling,
and the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.

Offertory

Joy To the World

arranged by Martin Corder

During the music, the offerings of the people are collected. This is to assist the Cathedral and The Salvation Army in their city ministries. An offering envelope has been included for donations. Tax receipts will be issued for amounts over \$10.

Lord's Prayer & Blessing Archdeacon Ellen Clark-King

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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...Christ the Lord.

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...Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
O come let us adore him...Christ the Lord.

Postlude

Christmas Joy

Erik Leidzen

Participants in the Service

Clergy Dean Peter Elliott, Archdeacon Ellen Clark-King,
The Rev. Chris Dierkes, The Rev. Alisdair Smith, The Rev. Dixie Black,
Major Gordon Armstrong, Pastor of Southmount Citadel

Music Southmount Citadel Band of The Salvation Army
Percy Pavey, Bandmaster, Major Larry Martin Divisional
Commander for British Columbia, Carol Leader & MC

Readers Christopher Gaze, Founder and Artistic Director, Bard on the Beach
Shakespeare Festival, Bramwell Tovey, Director of Music, Vancouver
Symphony Orchestra, Hedy Fry, the Honourable Member of
Parliament for Vancouver Centre, Judy Graves, Coordinator,
Tenant Assistance Program, City of Vancouver

Children's Story Kate Newman

Welcomers Welcoming Team: Parishioners of Christ Church Cathedral,
Members of the Salvation Army BC Division.



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