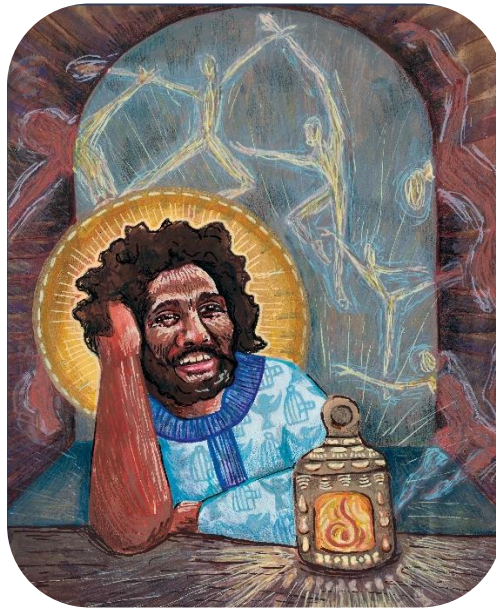


All Saints' Cathedral Choral Eucharist



The Third Sunday of Advent
Gaudete Sunday
14 December 2025 at 10:30am

*Welcome to All Saints' Cathedral as we journey together
through the season of Advent.*

*We acknowledge that the land on which we worship is the traditional gathering place of
the Cree, Nakoda Sioux, Blackfoot, Dene, Sarcee, Saulteaux, Mohawk and Métis
Nations. We commit in both prayer and action to be faithful Treaty 6 partners.*

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn of Praise 102 Prepare the Way, O Zion

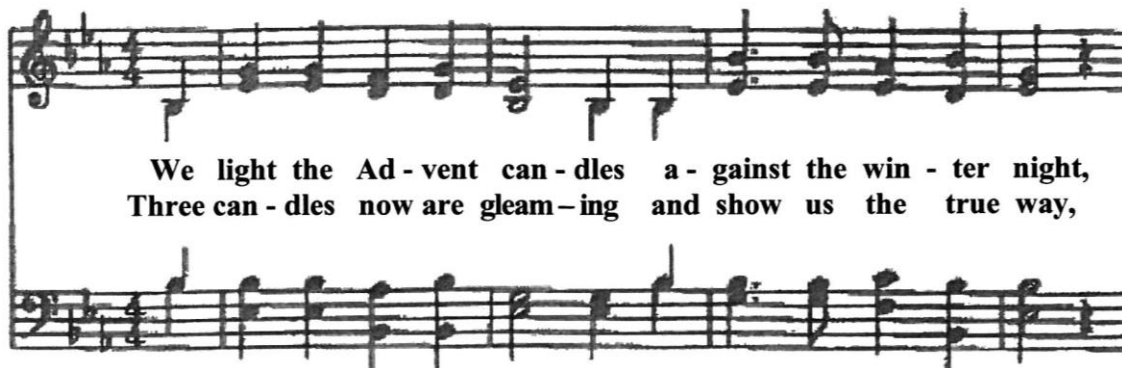
Lighting of the Third Advent Candle (Joy)

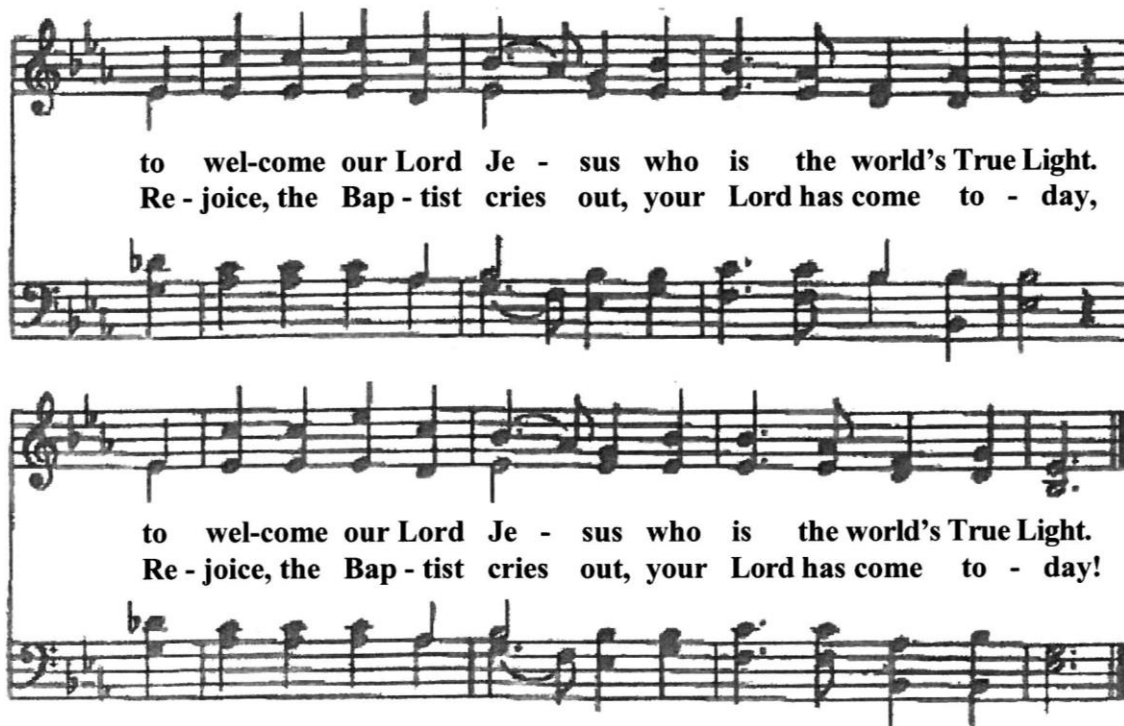
- Celebrant In a world full of fear, where do you see glimmers of joy?
- People We see glimmers of joy in birthday candles and homemade cards.
We see joy in the laughter of children and the delight of grandparents. We see joy in meals around the table and in the singing of Christmas songs.
- Celebrant You are right. Even in a fearful world, joy is all around us. Today we light the candle of joy as a reminder of this good news. May this flicker of light help us remember that even in a fearful world, joy is here. Joy is real. We only have to look for it.

The first, second, and third candles are lit as the congregation sings.

Introit We Light the Advent Candles

German Folk Tune; Words by Gracia Grindal





Celebrant Thanks be to God for that good news!
All Amen.

Celebrant Holy One, the story of this season is not a new one. We've heard this tale before. We've seen the nativities, watched the plays, sung the songs, witnessed the children act it out. The story of this season is not a new one, and yet we long to hear it as if it is. So spark our spirits awake. Call forth awareness, attention, and reverence in us. Allow us to hear this ancient tale with brand new ears. With hope and in joy we pray.

All Amen.

The Greeting and Collect for Purity

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.

Kyrie Eleison

Franz Schubert

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have

mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Collect for the Day

Celebrant God of power and mercy,
 All you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son.
 Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Canticle 18 (Luke 1:46-55)

Chant: Ivor Atkins



My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
For he has looked with favour
Upon his lowly servant. **Antiphon**

From this day
All generations will call me blessed:
The Almighty has done great things for me,
And holy is his name. **Antiphon**



He has mercy on those who fear him
In every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,
He has scattered the proud in their conceit. **Antiphon**

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
And has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
And the rich he has sent empty away. **Antiphon**

He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
For he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our forefathers,
Abraham and his children for ever. **Antiphon**

The Second Reading: James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Reader	Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
All	Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 12 We Bless You, God of Israel

The Holy Gospel

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Matthew (11:2-11).

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Choir

He Shall Feed His Flock (from *Messiah*)

George Frederic Handel

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd,

And he shall gather the lambs with his arm,

And carry them in his bosom,

And gently lead those that are with young. (Isaiah 40:11)

The Homily

The Very Rev. Alexandra Meek

All I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God; Light, of Light, very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father, through whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures and ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

If you would like a name (you or someone else) added to the parish prayer list, please contact the office. If a name should be removed, please let us know.

Intercessor O Lord who has created and loved us and who calls us to be still and wait, heed our prayers as we say: Lord in your mercy, "hear our prayer."

We lift up all of those for whom prayer has been requested: Mavis, Vivian, John, James, Joe and Shelly, Carol, Shawne, Jayson, Tyler, Chris, Diane, Kay, Lynn, Linda, Benjamin, Seth and Lucy, Pio, Bonnie, Mel, Lois, Bob, Janet, Mary, June, JC, Mark, Paul, Laura, Selina, Kenneth, and those known only unto you, Lord. Lord in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For the Church of the living God throughout the world, we pray for the ***Anglican Church of Canada***, including Shane Parker, the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, and Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop. We also pray for the Diocese of Brandon and Bishop Rachael Parker.

We pray for our own ***Diocese of Edmonton*** and Stephen, our Bishop. We pray for Dayspring Ministry which includes the parishes of St. Mary in Edgerton, St. Thomas is Wainwright, and St. Saviour in Vermilion. We pray for the interim ministry team of Dayspring and for Gordon Hills, Deacon.

In the ***Diocese of Buyé***, we pray for the Giheta Parish and Pierre Murengerantwari, Rector.

In the ***Indigenous Community***, we lift up All First Nations people of Treaty 6. Lord in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Help us to hear and to accept gratefully your call to be God's people, ignoring the glory and favour of this world in favour of the glory of the kingdom of God. Lord in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Turn us away from our fears and divisions and teach us to embrace your promise, that ours might be a nation of hope and generosity. Lord in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Open our eyes to the majesty of your creation and strengthen our resolve to preserve its abundance for the sustenance of all future generations. Lord in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Lead us to where your loving presence is most needed and help us to be your agents of love to our neighbours. Lord in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Enter into the lives of all who suffer, that they might draw strength from your presence. Lord in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Deal tenderly with those who are grieving and with those whose wounds from loss are reopened at this time of year. May we feel the assurance of your promises that we will be reunited in your glorious presence in the new age. Lord in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Almighty God, in the face of Christ we see the fullness of your love for us. Help us to be the people you created us to be and to live fully in the light of your countenance. All this we ask in the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, One God, now and always.

All **Amen.**

The Fragrance of Christ

David Haas

Choir I will thank you, Lord, with all of my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. In the presence of the angels I will bless you, I will adore before your holy temple.

All

Refrain

Lord, may our prayer rise like in - cense in your sight, may this

place be filled with the fra - grance of Christ.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming sinners and inviting us to God's table. Therefore, let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

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.

The Offertory

You may place your offering in the plate as the sidespeople make their way down the centre aisle. Offering may also be placed in the offering box set in the middle aisle of the cathedral. To donate to the work of the Cathedral online, please go to our website.



The Offertory Hymn 560 God, Whose Almighty Word

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God of hope,
All renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh, and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world, that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus

Plainchant



San - ctus, San - ctus, Sanc-tus Do - mi - nus De - us Sa - ba - oth.
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.

Ple - ni sunt cae - li et ter - ra glo - ri - a tu - a. Ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Benedictus

Ludovico da Viadana

*Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.*

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

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour

and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

People Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The Lord's Prayer Common Praise 684

John Merbecke

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 them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.
All Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

The Communion

Celebrant These are the gifts of God for the people of God.
All Thanks be to God.

Please come forward to receive communion. You may receive both the bread and the wine, or if you prefer, you may receive in one kind only, the bread. Intinction (dipping the bread) is not permitted. The communion bread is gluten, dairy, egg, and yeast free. To receive a blessing in place of communion, please cross your hands over your chest.

Music During Communion

Agnus Dei

Ludovico da Viadana

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God,

qui tollis peccata mundi:

You take away the sin of the world.

Miserere nobis

Have mercy on us.

Dona nobis pacem

Grant us peace.

Gaudete

Anon. Piaa cantiones (1582)

Rejoice, rejoice! Christ is born of the Virgin Mary! Rejoice!

God has become man, with nature marvelling,

The world has been renewed by the reigning Christ.

Therefore, let our assembly now sing in gladness

Let it bless the Lord: greetings to our King.

People Look East

Besançon Carol tune, arr. Barry Ferguson

People look East. The time is near of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.

People look East, and sing today: Love the Guest is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there:

Give up your strength the seed to nourish that in course the flower may flourish.

People look East, and sing today: Love the Rose is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim,

Shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.

People look East, and sing today: Love the Star is on the way.

Angels, announce to man and beast Him who cometh from the East.

Set every peak and valley humming with the Word, the Lord is coming.

People look East, and sing today: Love the Lord is on the way.

Communion Hymn 383 Jesus Shall Reign

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Merciful God,
All may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy,
 and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the
 name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever. Amen.

The Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,
All whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can
 ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in
 the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The Benedictory Hymn 318 Rejoice Today with One Accord

Dismissal

Leader The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it
 together!
People Thanks be to God!

Organ

Prelude in G major BWV 541

Johann Sebastian Bach

Announcements

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING ALLEY DOOR – As the weather is shifting, we have been finding the exit out to the alley left unlatched a few times in the last few weeks. If you ever enter or exit through that door, please double-check that it is latched (both coming and going). Thank you in advance for your commitment to keeping the Cathedral safe and secure for everyone!!

Parking Changes at the Cathedral – Due to some staffing changes at the Synod Office and Cathedral, we are asking Cathedral volunteers to not park in the parking stalls behind the Cathedral as all the back stalls are now reserved for Synod Office and Cathedral staff. Those volunteering at the Cathedral for Manna Market and the Community Breakfast program are asked to park on the street or in the Impark lot and may submit their parking receipts for reimbursement. *Exception: Volunteers may park in the Dean's stall on Fridays.*

Christmas Flower Campaign is On Now! – If you would like to make a donation towards Christmas flowers, please enclose your donation in a Christmas flower envelope (found in a pew or in the Narthex) and place in the offering.

January-April Volunteer Roster – The January through April volunteer roster was sent as part of the weekly newsletter this weekend. If you will be away any of the dates you are scheduled, please let the office know.

St. Joachim Lessons and Carols – December 14 at 7:00pm – All are welcome to attend the Lessons and Carols service at St. Joachim Catholic Church (9928 110 Street NW). This service will feature a brass quintet and organist Jeremy Spurgeon and be followed by a reception with mulled wine and mince tarts.

Christmas Services at the Cathedral – Please join us as we celebrate Christmas at the Cathedral:

- Wednesday, December 24 at 4:30: Family Service
- Wednesday, December 24 at 10:00pm: Candlelight Service
- Thursday, December 25 at 10:00am: Holy Communion

Praying in the New Year on December 31 – Join together at All Saints' Cathedral to welcome the new year in prayer and praise. Hot chocolate and fellowship begins at 9:00pm, prayer and praise at 10:00pm, and eucharist at 11:00pm.

Walking Together – Sunday, January 11 at 1:00pm – Join us for our quarterly interfaith walk in the river valley, meet new faith neighbours, enjoy the gift of the river, and receive a new teaching. Please register at:

<https://www.templebethora.org/event-details/river-walk-prayer-ritual-and-walking-in-celebration-of-the-winter-solstice>

Donations Accepted of Winter Clothing – We are looking for donations of gloves, mitts, neck warmers, long underwear, and long-sleeve t-shirts and anything large size (2XL-5XL). We also accept monetary donations for winter clothing purchases. *We currently have a healthy supply of jackets and socks.*

New Sunday Morning Parking Permits – Annual Sunday morning parking permits for the Impark lot South of the Cathedral are available for purchase. If you would like to purchase one, please contact the Office for details.

Corporation/Lock Up This Week: Dean Alex

Readings for Next Sunday: Isaiah 7:10-16; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25



Christmas Eve Family Service

DECEMBER 24, 4:30PM

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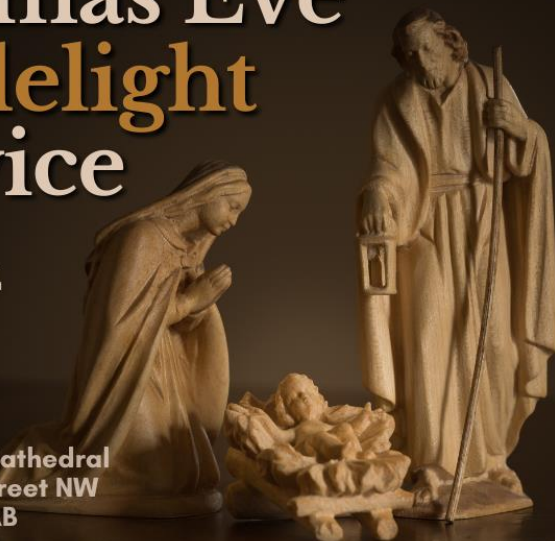


Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

DECEMBER 24
10:00PM



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