

CHRISTMAS EVE 2024

TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER

PRELUDES @ 9:30PM

LITURGY @ 10:00PM

THE RIGHT REV.'D THOMAS J. BROWN,
BISHOP OF MAINE, CELEBRANT

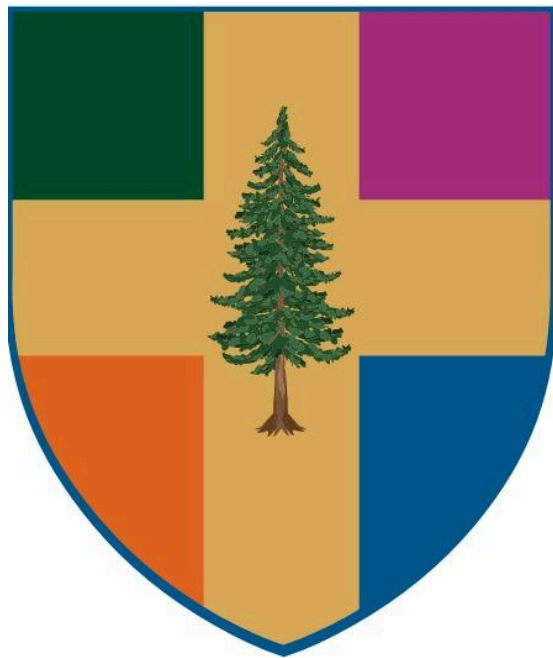
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THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SAINT LUKE
IN THE
CITY OF PORTLAND
AND THE
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MAINE



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Merry Christmas & Welcome to St. Luke's Cathedral!

We are a faith community with ancient worship and modern thought, catholic traditions and progressive theology. We proclaim a Biblical perspective for thinking people, a respect for reason, science, and a diversity of perspective. This empowers compassion and care for both the wider community and one another. Our commitment to welcome and inclusion is central to our mission modeled on the Kingdom of God and proclaimed by Jesus Christ. We are part of the 1.7 million-member **Episcopal Church** in the United States, and the 85 million-member worldwide **Anglican Communion**.

New to St. Luke's? We are delighted to welcome you to the cathedral and are grateful for your presence with us today. We invite you to fill out our visitor's register at either entrance of the cathedral nave.

Our Mission: St. Luke's welcomes every person to share in the Episcopal Church's mission "to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Jesus Christ." As a cathedral, St. Luke's is the seat of the bishop and the chief mission church of the Diocese and people of Maine. St. Luke's first service was held on Christmas Day in 1868, and continues over 150 years of reaching out to the city and people of Portland.

How we worship: Throughout the bulletin, the congregation is invited to say all **bolded** text aloud, and to sing all music printed in the order of service. There are also times when it is customary to make the sign of the cross by touching your forehead, chest, left shoulder, and right shoulder. If you wish to do so, the ✠ indicates that. Instructions for how to receive communion are provided later in the bulletin, at that point in the liturgy.

Where are the restrooms? There are four restrooms in the parish house, through the doors at the front left corner of the church. Men's and women's restrooms are across the large room at the top of the ramp: walk straight across, through the double doors and to your left. On the lower level, there are two accessible, single-stall (non-gender) restrooms, one on either end of the large room. If you need help finding them, please ask an usher.

Visit our child-friendly gathering space: beside the baptismal font on the east wall of the nave, a place where children and their guardians can move around and engage with soft toys, books, yet still participate in worship.

Worship Resources: Except where otherwise indicated, all spoken texts used in worship are from *The Book of Common Prayer* (1979). And, except where otherwise indicated, all music not in the public domain is reprinted and streamed with permission under OneLicense.net #A-713087 and/or RiteSong.

Sunday parking for St. Luke's: Off-street parking is available in two locations for those attending Sunday services: our lot adjacent to the Parish Hall, accessed from Park St.; and the Cumberland Club's (Spring Street between Park & High Sts.). We are grateful to the Cumberland Club for sharing their space with us (except on Easter and Mother's Day). In addition, limited handicap parking is available in the traffic circle in the State Street churchyard.

St. Luke's Territorial Acknowledgement

St Luke's acknowledges that we are worshipping on "unceded territory taken by force and previously occupied by the **Wabanaki people**." (*Amended City Charter, Portland, Maine*). Some of the resources that built this cathedral came from industry related to the slave trade in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries. We join our fellow residents in honoring the Wabanaki knowledge and culture that continues to thrive in the Tribal Nations. We ask for Blessing and Peace upon all indigenous peoples that have called, and always will call, this place—"The Dawnland"—HOME.

We invite you to pray this evening for...

members of our parish family

Sarah Braik, Maggie Gardner, Karen Perry, Larry Roadman, Ray & Heather Murdoch Curry

members of our extended parish family

Pam Stolte (*sister of Gail Swanton*), Elizabeth Christy (*mother of Kate Leschey*), Pat Anderson (*sister of Gail Swanton*), Jan Giroux (*colleague of Gail Swanton*), Basil Siavelis (*uncle of Rita Siavelis*), Joe (*son of Jeri Edgar*), Susan Yandell (*friend of Jeri Edgar*), Janice (*sister of Terry Foster*), Will Oliver (*friend of Sallie Smith*), Steven & Denise Kuziel (*brother & sister-in-law of Stan Kuziel*), Matt & Liz Schott (*parents of Avery Levesque-Schott*), Kim Strepka (*aunt of Avery Levesque-Schott*)

PRELUDES

Beginning at half past nine in the evening. You are invited to remain seated throughout the preludes, and sing all printed music.

organ voluntary

In dulci jubilo ("In quiet joy"), Op. 28, No. 41

from *Seventy-Nine Chorales for the Organ*, Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say was to cer - tain poor shep - herds
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing in the east
 3 And by the light of that same star three wise men came
 4 This star drew nigh to the north - west, o'er Beth - le - hem
 5 Then en - tered in those wise men three full rev - erent - ly
 6 Then let us all with one ac - cord sing prais - es to

1 in fields as they lay; in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,
 2 be - yond them far, and to the earth it gave great light,
 3 from coun - try far; to seek for a king was their in - tent,
 4 it took its rest, and there it did both stop and stay
 5 up - on their knee, and of - fered there in his pres - ence
 6 our heaven - ly Lord; that hath made earth and heaven of nought,

1 on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 3 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
 4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
 5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.
 6 and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain
 No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Words: English carol, 18th cent.; Music: *The First Nowell*, Irr. with Refrain, English carol, 17th cent.; harm. John Stainer (1840-1901)

the choir sings

Ding-dong, ding:
Ding-a-dong-a-ding:
Ding-dong, ding-dong:
Ding-a-dong-ding.

Up! good Christen folk, and listen
How the merry church bells ring,
And from steeple
Bid good people
Come adore the new-born King:

Tell the story how from glory
God came down at Christmastide,
Bringing gladness,
Chasing sadness,
Show'ring blessings far and wide.

Born of mother, blest o'er other,
Ex Maria Virgine,
In a stable
(*Tis no fable),
Christus natus bodie.

Words: George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934); Music: Melody from *Piae Cantiones* (1582); harmonized by George Ratcliffe Woodward

1 I heard the bells on Christ - mas Day their old, fa - mi - liar car - ols play,
2 And thought how, as the day had come, the bel - fries of all Chris - ten - dom
3 Till ring - ing, sing - ing on its way, the world re - volved from night to day,
4 Then from each black, ac - curs - ed mouth the can - non thun - dered in the South,
5 It was as if an earth - quake rent the hearth - stones of a con - ti - nent,
6 And in des - pair I bowed my head; "There is no peace on earth," I said;
7 Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;

1 and mild and sweet the words re - peat of peace on earth, good - will to men!
2 and rolled a - long the un - bro - ken song of peace on earth, good - will to men!
3 a voice, a chime, a chant sub - lime of peace on earth, good - will to men!
4 and with the sound the car - ols drowned of peace on earth, good - will to men!
5 and made for - lorn the house - holds born of peace on earth, good - will to men!
6 "for hate is strong, and mocks the song of peace on earth, good - will to men!"
7 the Wrong shall fail, the Right pre - vail, with peace on earth, good - will to men."

Words: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (*Portland, Maine, 1807—Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1882*)
Music: *Calkin*, LM (88. 88), John Baptiste Calkin (1827-1905), 1872

music for brass

La Mourisque, Bransle Quarte Bransles & Ronde

from

Four Renaissance Dances

music: Tylman Susato (c. 1510/15 – after 1570), arr. Frederic Mills

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
 2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is God and Lord of all,
 4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly, when on earth he grew,
 5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;
 6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing round,

1 where a mo - ther laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
 2 and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;
 4 he was tempt - ed, scorned, re - ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew.
 5 for that child who seemed so help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove;
 6 we shall see him; but in hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round:

1 Ma - ry was that mo - ther mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
 2 with the poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.
 4 Thus he feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
 5 and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
 6 Christ, re - vealed to faith - ful eye, set at God's right hand on high.

Words: Sts. 1-2 & 4-6 Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.;
 Music: *Irby*, 87. 87. 77, melody Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876); harm. Arthur Henry Mann (1850-1929), Copyright © 1957 Novello & Co., Ltd.
 reharmonization Richard Proulx (1937-2010), Copyright © 1992 Selah Publishing, Inc., descant CMC after Proulx

music for brass

Canzona per Sonare #4

Music: Giovanni Gabrieli (c. 1554/1557 – 12 August 1612)

Carol of the Bells

Mykola Dmytrovych Leontovych (Ukrainian, 1877-1921), arr. Gary Olsen

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Leader

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus and rejoice in his coming to us, we light the Christ candle. Jesus Christ is our hope. He is our peace. Jesus Christ is our joy. He is love—pure, holy, undying love. Whoever believes in him will never perish but have eternal life. Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift!

FESTAL EUCHARIST

beginning at ten o'clock in the evening

The Rt. Rev'd Thomas James Brown, *Tenth Bishop of Maine, presiding*

The Word of God

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant Alleluia! To us a child is born!

People **Come let us adore him. Alleluia!**

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ, amen.**

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O come ye, O come ye to
2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal, lo! he ab - hors not the
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, sing, all ye cit - i - zens of
4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle, leav - ing their flocks, draw
5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger, we would em - brace thee, with
6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing, Je - sus, to thee be

1 Beth - le - hem; come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
2 Vir - gin's womb; on - ly - be - got - ten Son of God the Fa - ther;
3 heaven a - bove; glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
4 nigh to gaze; we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
5 love and awe; who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?
6 glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther, - now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

O come let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord.

The Hymnal 1982 #83 "O come, all ye faithful" Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others. Music: *Adeste fideles*, Irr., present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906; intro. Malcolm Archer (adapt. CMC); stanza 3 reharm. & descant David Willcocks (1919-2015), final stanza by Sydney H. Nicholson (adapt. CMC)

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

People Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
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.

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain
Glo - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Glo - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

The Hymnal 1982 – #96 “Angels we have heard on high” Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt. Music: *Gloria*, 77. 77 with Refrain, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958); introduction by Thaddeus P. Cavuoti (adapt. CMC); final stanza by Bruce Neswick (adapt. CMC)

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

Reader A reading from the second chapter of Titus.

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 Savior, 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.**

Please stand as you are able.

Refrain

Be-hold that star! Be-hold that star up yon-der! Be-hold that star!

FINE *Verses*

It is the star of Beth-le-hem.

- 1 There was no room found in the inn,
- 2 The wise men came on from the East, *It is the star of*
- 3 A song broke forth up - on the night,
- 4 Glo - ry to God world with-out end,

Beth-le - hem.

- 1 for him who was born free from sin.
- 2 to wor-ship him, the Prince of Peace, *It is the star of Beth-le - hem.*
- 3 from an - gel hosts all robed in white,
- 4 and peace on earth, good will toward men.

D.C.

One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism – #284 “Behold that star” Words: Thomas Washington Talley (1870-1952)
Music: *Behold That Star*, LM with Refrain, Thomas Washington Talley, arr. Norah Duncan IV (b. 1952), arr. Copyright © 2018 GIA Publications, Inc.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Gospel *Luke 2:1-20*

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 Savior, 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 favors!” 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 to 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.

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**
Please sit.

Sermon

The Rev'd George Stevens, *Interim Dean*

Please stand as you are able.

Nicene Creed

from Enriching our Worship

People **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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
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.**

The Creed continues on the following page...

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

Christmas Prayers of the People

from Daily Prayers for All Seasons

Leader Wonderful Counselor, whose glory is beyond our understanding and whose love is beyond measure:

People **Let us know your presence now.**

Leader Mighty God, whose power girds creation, whose hands cradle the hills, yet whose mercy is boundless:

People **Let us know your presence now.**

Leader Prince of Peace, whose righteousness is like the strong mountains and whose justice is as the great deep:

People **Let us know your presence now.**

Leader Emmanuel, whose property it is always to have mercy, and whose arm is long to save, we lift before you now those on our prayer list, those in whose names the flowers are given, and those we now name.

The people may add their own intercessions.

Hold all those we love in your unbounded love.

People **Make us your healing presence in the world.**

Leader Loving Word of God, you have shown us the fullness of your glory in taking human flesh: Fill us, in our bodily life, with your grace and truth, that our pleasure may be boundless and our integrity complete.

The Word made flesh makes God known to us.

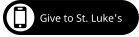
People **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion Offering



*A free will offering in support of the mission and ministry of the Cathedral is taken at this time.
All quarters in the offering plate go to support lunches for the school children in Duni, Haiti.
Online giving is available at <stlukesportland.org/give/>.*

The choir sings

VI. “Campana sobre Campana” “Bell on Bell” (Andalucian)

from Carols & Lullabies, Christmas in the Southwest

¡Campana sobre campana,
y sobre campana una!
Asómate a la ventana,
y verás al Niño en la cuna.

ESTRIBILLO:

Belén, campanas de Belén
que los ángeles tocan
¿Que nuevas me traéis?

Recogido tu rebaño,
¿A dónde vas pastorcito?
Voy a llevar al portal
requesón, manteca y vino.

ESTRIBILLO

Si aún las estrellas alumbran,
¿Pastor dónde quieres ir?
Voy al portal por si el Niño
con Él me deja dormir.

ESTRIBILLO

*bell on bell
and bell again!
Look out the window,
and you'll see the Baby in the crib.*

REFRAIN:

*The bells in Bethlehem
that the angels ring,
What news do you bring?*

*After gathering the herd,
where are you heading, my little shepherd?
I'm taking to the manger
cheese, butter, and wine.*

REFRAIN

*If the stars still shine,
shepherd, where would you like to go?
I'm going to the manger, to see
if the Baby lets me accompany him.*

REFRAIN

Words: Andalusian traditional
Music: Andalusian traditional, setting Conrad Susa (1935-2013)

Please stand as you are able.

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
4 Where chil - dren pure and hap - py pray to the bles - sed Child,

A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;

yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. There are four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are arranged in four stanzas, with the first stanza having four numbered lines. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and simple rhythmic patterns.

The Hymnal 1982 – #79 “O little town of Bethlehem”; Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893); Music: *St. Louis*, CMD, Lewis H. Redner (1831-1908)

Celebrant The Lord...
May God be with you.

People And al - so 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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfectly human of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Celebrant Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav'n _ and earth _ are full _ of your glo - ry. Ho san - na in the high - est. Ho san - na in the high - est. Bless'd is the one who comes _ in the name _ of the Lord. the high - est, Ho san - na in the high - est, _ Ho - san - na in the high - est. _

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Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command,

People We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Luke and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.



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Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;
 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell;
 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - ell

Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893). Music: *St. Louis*, CMD, Lewis H. Redner (1831-1908)

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. As the Iona Community says, "Come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been here in a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here."

Ushers will assist you to approach by the center and return by the side aisles. You are welcome to receive the bread and/or the wine when presented; we believe that the divine presence is fully present in both the bread and the wine, and you may refuse either. For example, you may choose to receive only the bread, and then walk away; or, if you would like, you may touch the chalice with your hand, and not actually consume any wine. If you would like to receive the blessing of the Church, but not communion, indicate to the clergy by crossing your arms when approached. If you are not able to come forward, please motion to an usher, and communion will be brought to you.

Prayers of Healing are offered in *All Saints Chapel* (to the right of the kneeling rail). Members of the prayer team will assist you in offering prayer of healing for yourself or a loved one.

Music during Communion

The people's candles will be lit during Communion in preparation for the candlelight singing of "Silent night", following the Post Communion Prayer.

by the brass quintet

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen (*A Rose has sprung up*)

Setting: Johannes Brahms (1833-1897),
after melody from *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1599;
arr. Lewis Niven

Refrain at beginning and after stanza 6

That boy-child of Ma - ry was born in a sta - ble, a man-ger his cra - dle in Beth - le - hem.

1 What shall we call him, child of the man - ger? What name is giv - en in Beth-le - hem?
 2 His name is Je - sus, God ev - er with us, God giv - en for us in Beth-le - hem?
 3 How can he save us, how can he help us, born here a - mong us in Beth-le - hem?
 4 Gift of the Fa - ther, to hu-man mo - ther, makes him our bro - ther in Beth-le - hem?
 5 One with the Fa - ther, he is our Sav - ior, heav - en - sent help - er in Beth-le - hem?
 6 Glad - ly we praise him, love and a - dore him, give our-selves to him in Beth-le - hem? ...Repeat Refrain.

Lift Every Voice and Sing II – #25 “That boy-child of Mary”; Words: Luke 2:7; Tom Colvin (1925-2000)
 Music: Traditional Malawi Melody; adapt. Tom Colvin (1925-2000), Copyright © 1969 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188

the choir sings

IV. “A la Nanita Nana” (Spanish)

from *Carols & Lullabies, Christmas in the Southwest*

A la nanita nana, nanita ea, nanita ea,
 A la nanita nana, nanita ea, nanita ea,
 Mi Jesús tiene sueño bendito ea nanita ea.
 Fuentecilla que corres clara y sonora,
 Ruiseñor q'en la selva, cantando lloras,
 Callad mientras la cuna se balancea.

A la nanita nana, nanita ea, nanita ea,
 A la nanita nana, nanita ea, nanita ea,
 My little Jesus is sleepy ea nanita ea
 You little fountain running clear and resonant
 and you mockingbird singing in the forest
 Be silent while the cradle rocks.

Words: Spanish traditional
 Music: traditional, setting Conrad Susa (1935-2013)

1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come, with peace - ful wings un - furled,
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suf - fered long;
 4 And ye, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,
 5 For lo! the days are haste - ning on, by pro - phet bards fore - told,

1 from an - gels bend - ing near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
 2 and still their heaven - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;
 3 be - neath the an - gel - strain have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong;
 4 who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow,
 5 when with the ev - er - cir - cling years comes round the age of gold

1 "Peace on the earth, good - will to *all*, from heaven's all - gra - cious King,"
 2 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains, they bend on hov - ering wing,
 3 and man, at war with man, hears not the love - song which they bring;
 4 look now! for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing.
 5 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,

1 The world in sol - emn still - ness lay, to hear the an - gels sing,
 2 and ev - er o'er its Bāb - el sounds the bless - èd an - gels sing.
 3 O hush the noise, ye men of strife, and hear the an - gels sing.
 4 O rest be - side the wea - ry road, and hear the an - gels sing!
 5 and the whole world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

The Hymnal 1982 – #89 “It came upon the midnight clear”; Words: Edmund H. Sears (1810-1876), alt.; Music: *Carol*, CMD, Richard Storrs Willis (1819-1900)

Postcommunion Prayer

People

Almighty and everliving God,
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
 that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
 And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
 to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
 To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake at the sight,
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light
 4 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is dark save the light

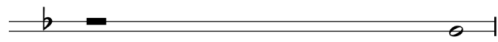
round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child. Ho - ly in - fant so ten - der and mild,
 glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far, heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;
 ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
 yon - der where thy sweet vig - ils keep, o'er the Babe who in si - lence sleep;

sleep in heav - en - ly peace. Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 Christ, the Sa - vior, is born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
 rest in hea - ven - ly peace. Rest in hea - ven - ly peace.

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885). Music: *Stille Nacht*, Irr., melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863);
 harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910), v. 4 arr. Noel Rawsthorne (1929-2019), adapt. for choir CMC

Pontifical Blessing for Christmas

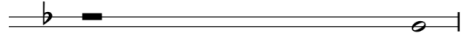
The Bishop of Maine

Bishop 

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

People 

The maker of heaven and earth.

Bishop 

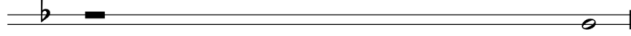
Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

People 


From this time forth for ever more.

Bishop 

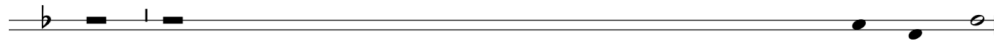
May Almighty God, who sent the Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin,



and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.

People 


A men.

Bishop 

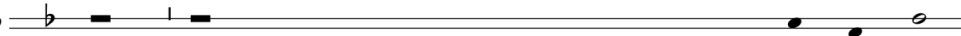
May God, who sent the angels to proclaim the glad news of the birth, fill you with joy,



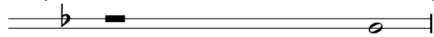
and make you heralds of the Gospel.

People 


A - men.

Bishop 

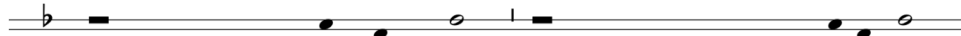
May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven,



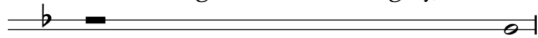
give you his peace and favor.

People 

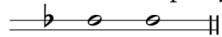
A - men.

Bishop 

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,



be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People 

A - men.

1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King! Peace on earth and
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord; late in time be -
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us

mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled! Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise,
 hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the God-head see;
 from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth. Risen with heal - ing in his wings,

join the tri - umph of the skies; with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in
 hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty. Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em -
 light and life to all he brings, hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born

Beth - le - hem!
 man - u - el! Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!
 Prince of Peace!

The Hymnal 1982 – #87 “Hark! the herald angels sing” Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Mendelssohn*, 77. 77. D with Refrain, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915); introduction & final stanza by Gerald Near (b. 1942) (adapt. CMC)

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Toccata on *Antioch*

Music: Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

Service Participants

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Right Reverend Thomas J. Brown, <i>Tenth Bishop of Maine</i>
<i>Preacher</i>	The Reverend George Stevens, <i>Interim Dean</i>
<i>Assisting</i>	The Reverend Rebecca A. Grant, <i>Deacon</i>
<i>Music Leader & Organist</i>	Christian M. Clough, <i>Canon for Liturgy & Music</i>
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<i>Lector</i>	John Bancroft
<i>Prayers Leader</i>	Peter Bingham
<i>Ushers</i>	Peter Bingham, Melissa Coy, Susan McCuller, Gail Swanton
<i>Thurifer</i>	Michael Thorne
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<i>Acolytes</i>	Lucy Pride, Liam Coy
<i>Diocesan Banner</i>	Randi Hogan
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A Christmas welcome from the Cathedral Church of St. Luke!

Dear Friends,

The first service held at the Cathedral of St. Luke was on Christmas in 1868. In the 156 years since, this community has sought to share the good news of Jesus Christ through worship, service to our community and fellowship. We are glad that you have chosen to join us on this joyful occasion.

The Christmas story told in the Gospel of Luke includes an angel appearing to shepherds watching their flocks proclaiming ‘the good news that will bring great joy for all the people’. The angel was, of course, announcing our Savior’s unlikely arrival in a manger in Bethlehem. The arrival of God, in the person of Jesus, is called incarnation. The Doctrine of the Incarnation says that God became human so that we might become one with him through his body. Jesus is 100% human while maintaining full 100% divinity. If the math sounds wrong it’s because this is a mystery, something we will never be able to fully grasp. The Apostle Paul calls it “the mystery of godliness” (1 Tim. 3:16).

In his book, *The Cost of Discipleship*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer writes of how the Incarnation of Jesus transforms our relationship with one another. He says, “The Incarnation is the ultimate reason why the service of God cannot be divorced from the service of others.”

As a cathedral, St. Luke’s is the seat of the bishop and chief mission church of the Diocese and people of Maine. We gratefully serve the people of Portland and beyond by hosting the St. Elizabeth’s Essentials Pantry, the St. Luke’s Food Pantry and many other outreach ministries. Information about our many outreach ministries, educational opportunities and history can be found on our website at <stlukesportland.org>

If you are visiting with us, I hope that you will find the Cathedral a place of welcome. Thank you for sharing in the good news and joy of this blessed season.

Merry Christmas!

The Rev. George R. Stevens, *Interim Dean*

We welcome you to return for any of our upcoming Christmas liturgies:

Christmas Day: Wednesday 25 December

10:00AM Holy Eucharist (*with organ music and Christmas carols, the Bishop of Maine presiding*)

The First Sunday after Christmas: 29 December

7:30AM Holy Eucharist (*spoken*)

10:00AM Holy Eucharist (*with organ music and Christmas carols*)

5:15PM Contemplative Eucharist with music

Epiphany Sunday: 5 January

7:30AM Holy Eucharist (*spoken*)

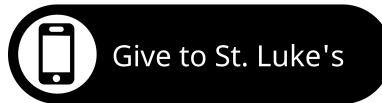
10:00AM Holy Eucharist (*with choir, followed by Christmas caroling and refreshments to mark the Twelfth Day of Christmas*)

5:15PM Contemplative Eucharist with music

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