



Christmas Eve 2024

Tuesday 24 December

child-friendly

liturgy @ 5:00PM

Christmas Message by
The Right Rev.'d
Thomas J. Brown,
Bishop of Maine

The Rev.'d George Stevens,
Interim Dean, Presiding

The Cathedral Church of Saint Luke
in the
City of Portland
and the
Episcopal Diocese of Maine

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*)

Words of Welcome

The Reverend George Stevens, *Interim Dean*

Lighting of 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!

The people are encouraged to sing all music printed herein.

Please stand as you are able.

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O come ye, O
 2 God from — God, — Light from Light e - ter - nal, Lo! he ab -
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing, all ye

come ye to Beth - le - hem; come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 hors not the Vir - gin's womb; on - ly be - got - ten Son of God the Fa - ther;
 cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, — glo - ry in the high - est;

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

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Our King and Saviour now draws near.

People Come let us adore him.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

People Amen.

Song of Praise

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.

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)

Please sit.

First Reading

Isaiah 9: 2, 4-6

Reader A reading from the ninth chapter of Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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,
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.
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!
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.

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

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

The 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 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 the Lord.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Christmas Message

The Right Rev'd Thomas J. Brown, *Bishop of Maine*

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.

Leader 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.

People The Word made flesh makes God known to us.
Amen.

Peace

Celebrant

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People

And also with you.

The People may greet one another in the name of God. Afterward, please sit.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Celebrant

We share the gifts God has blessed us with We rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of God's grace. As we have been blessed with gifts from God, let them be blessing for others as we give thanks for the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord.



Give to St. Luke's

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 Dany, Haïti.

Online giving is available at <stlukesportland.org/give/>; or scan the QR at left.

Hymn at the Offertory

Refrain

Go, tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

Fine

Go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born.

1 While shep-herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
2 The shep-herds feared and trem - bled, when lo! a - bove the earth,
3 Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

D.C.

be - hold through - out the hea - vens there shown a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed the Sa - vior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Lift Every Voice and Sing II - #21 "Go, tell it on the mountain"; Words: Luke 2.8-20; adapt. John W. Work, Jr. (1871-1925), used by permission of Mrs. J. W. Work. Music: *Go tell it on the mountain*, 75. 75 with Refrain, Negro spiritual, 19th cent.; adapt. and arr. William Farley Smith (1941-1997), adapt. and arr. Copyright © 1989 The United Methodist Hymnal.

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 It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father 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 perfect Man 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. 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:

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 Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People

AMEN.

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 - el!

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. Per Diocesan guidelines, the cathedral does not practice intinction (dipping the bread into the wine) at this time.

1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus lay down his sweet head,
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes;
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay close by me for ev - er, and love me, I pray;

the stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
I love thee, Lord Je - sus! look down from the sky, and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care, and take us to heav - en to live with thee there.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The first system contains three verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics and includes a double bar line at the end.

Lift Every Voice and Sing II – “Away in a manger”; Words: sts. 1-2 anonymous, st. 3 John T. McFarland (1851-1913); Music: Mueller, 11. 11. 11, James R. Murray (1841-1905)

1 God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may;
2 From God our heaven - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came
3 “Fear not, then,” said the an - gel, “Let noth - ing you af - fright;
4 Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,

re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vior was born on Christ - mas Day,
and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:
this day is born a Sa - vior of a pure vir - gin bright,
and with true love and char - i - ty each oth - er now em - brace;

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are arranged in four verses across the two systems.

The carol continues on the following page...

to save us all from Sa - tan's power when we were gone a - stray.
 how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.
 to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's power and might."
 this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas doth bring re - deem - ing grace.

O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

The Hymnal 1982 – #105 “God rest you merry, gentlemen”; Words: London carol, 18th cent. Music: *God Rest You Merry*, 76. 76. 86 with Refrain, melody from *Little Book of Christmas Carols*, ca. 1850; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), Copyright © The Church Pension Fund

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing?
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come, peas - ant, king, to own him;

Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 Good Chris - tian, fear: for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

The Hymnal 1982 – #115 “What child is this, who, laid to rest”; Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)
 Music: *Greensleeves*, 87. 87 with Refrain, English melody; harm. *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871

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

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, heav - en - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;
 ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,

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.

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)

Please stand as you are able.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
 you have united us with Christ and one another;
 and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
 Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
 that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
 and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Pontifical Christmas Blessing

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 evermore.**

The Bishop blesses the people, who respond
Amen.

The Right Rev'd Thomas J. Brown, *Bishop of Maine*

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her King;
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let all their songs em - ploy,

let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and heaven and na - ture sing,
 while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re - peat the sound - ing joy,
 1. and heaven and na -
 2. re - peat the sound

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and heaven and na - ture sing.
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 ture sing, and heaven and na - ture sing
 ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing joy,

The Hymnal 1982 – #100 “Joy to the world!” Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.
 Music: *Antioch*, CM with repeat, Georg Friedrich Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Tocatta on *Antioch*

Music: Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

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

Service Participants

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. George R. Stevens, <i>Interim Dean</i>
<i>Preacher</i>	Right Reverend Thomas J. Brown, <i>Bishop of Maine</i>
<i>Assisting</i>	The Reverend Rebecca A. Grant, <i>Deacon</i>
	The Reverend Christopher Worthley, <i>Assisting Priest</i>
<i>Music Leader & Organist</i>	Christian M. Clough, <i>Canon for Liturgy & Music</i>
<i>Lector & Prayers Leader</i>	Mary Linneman
<i>Advent Wreath Prayer Leader</i>	Mary Linneman
<i>Ushers</i>	Mary Linneman, Anna Messmer
<i>Head Verger</i>	Eleanor Roberts
<i>Live Streaming</i>	Jack Swanton, Sam Allen
<i>Contributing Ministries</i>	Acolytes, Vergers, The Flower Guild, The Altar Guild, The Kneeler Guild

The Christmas Greens and Flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for...

Kristen Buteau, Craig Masse, Melissa Coy, Michael Coy, & Liam Coy	<i>by Susan McCuller</i>
Family & friends	<i>by Robyn & Alice Goshorn</i>
Family	<i>by Mary C. Doughty</i>
Family & friends	<i>by Byrd Wood</i>
The cathedral community	<i>by Avery Levesque-Schott</i>
Nancy Brain & John Watson	<i>by Peter & Connie Bingham</i>
Family & Friends	<i>by Debra Marcoux</i>
Family & Friends	<i>by Paula Gillies</i>
Our Wonderful Years at the Cathedral	<i>by David & Muffie Fernald</i>

The Christmas Greens and Music are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of...

Edward & Ellen Lynsky	<i>by Richard & Ellen Farnsworth</i>
Richard & Bessie Farnsworth	<i>by Richard & Ellen Farnsworth</i>
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph W. Casper	<i>by John Wright & Michael Casper</i>
Mr. & Mrs. George C. Wright	<i>by John Wright & Michael Casper</i>
Oliver Pride, Mike Pride, & Arthur Roberts	<i>by Jessica, Misha, Charlotte, & Lucy Pride</i>
Michael "Mac" McCuller	<i>by Susan McCuller</i>
Arthur & Faith Jones	<i>by Susan McCuller</i>
Ryleigh & Finnegan	<i>by Peter Callnan & John Hennessy</i>
Jim Kise	<i>by Sallie Smith (Kise)</i>
Odile Veltz	<i>by Carol Weston</i>
Jack Wood	<i>by Toby & Stacie Webb</i>
Mary Jane "MJ" Northrop	<i>by Rachel Northrop & family</i>
Mary Rorke, Faye Rorke, & Thomas Rorke	<i>by Avery Levesque-Schott</i>
Our mothers: Lydia Kesich & Constance Donovan	<i>by the Kesich Family</i>
The Cauleys, Gaudions, & Palmers	<i>by the Palmer Family</i>
Roland Buteau	<i>by Carolyn Buteau</i>
G.A. & Doris Mackay	<i>by Carolyn Buteau</i>
Art Marcoux	<i>by Debra Marcoux</i>
Earl & Mary Jane McArthur	<i>by Philip Hamilton</i>
Frederick Hamilton Sr. & Jr.	<i>by Philip Hamilton</i>
Richard & Sandra MacPherson	<i>by Philip Hamilton</i>



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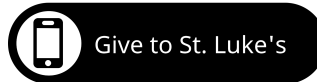
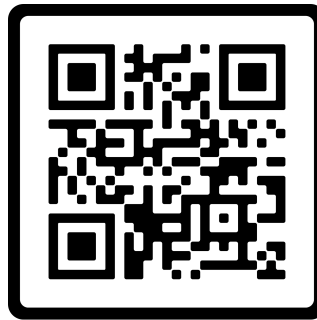
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A Christmas Welcome from the Cathedral Church of St. Luke!

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

Merry Christmas! -The Rev. George R. Stevens, *Interim Dean*

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