

St. Paul's Cathedral

The Anglican Church of Canada

Kamloops, British Columbia

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Christmas Eve 2016 – 7 p.m. Choral Eucharist



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ORDER OF SERVICE

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Presider: The Most Rev. Barbara Andrews, Bishop Suffragan of the Anglican Territory of the People

Processional Hymn: 123 Once in royal David's city

The children gather around the advent wreath as the choir begins:

Choir: Where the World is waiting for an unknown day
where a voice forgotten cries "Prepare the way!"
Show us in a manger our redemption's sign;
Bring us to a morning where the promise shines.

**All: Lead us on, lead us on
To a morning where the promise shines.
Lead us on, lead us on
To a morning where the promise shines.**

Responsive Litany for Christmas Eve – The Promise of Arrival

One: Advent is a time for the God's people to reawaken their longings.

All: Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

One: Tonight, we long to worship the newborn king.

All: Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

One: Tonight, we long to hear the good news proclaimed by the angels.

All: Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

One: Tonight we long to receive the promise foretold.

All: Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

Candle Lighting:

Tonight, we light all our candles. The first candle ignites the thrill of hope in the hearts of weary people. The second candle shines peace that surpasses understanding into a conflicted and confused world. The third candle expresses the joy of fulfilled promises and the anticipation of those yet to come. The fourth candle shines with grace and new life in God's unconditional love. Tonight, we light the Christ candle in celebration of our Messiah's birth. As God's promises continue to shine, we echo the words shared through the ages. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! **Amen.**

The children return to their seats in the congregation

**All: Lead us on, lead us on
 To a morning where the promise shines.
 Lead us on, lead us on
 To a morning where the promise shines.**

*(from A Candle Lighting Ceremony: Where the Promise Shines. Words: Sylvia Dunstan,
Music Bob Moore, Setting Joel Raney, 1995, GIA Publishing)*

Candles, Cradle, and Christ – a short Carol Service

First Lesson	Isaiah 9:2-7	Jo-Lynn Forbes
Carol	137 What child is this	
Second Lesson	Titus 2:11-14	Alison McKinnon
Carol	138 Hark the herald angels sing	
Third Lesson	Luke 2:1-7	Phil McVie
Carol	121 O little town of Bethlehem	
Fourth Lesson	Luke 2:8-20	Val McVie
Carol	135 Shepherds in the field abiding	
Gospel Proclamation	John 1:1-18	The Dean
Homily		The Dean
The Apostle's Creed		p.189
The Prayers of the People		Jim Waldie
Confession and Absolution		p.191
The Peace		

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Carol: 148 See amid the winter's snow

Celebrant: Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, bring us to see the splendor of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The following prayer is based on an ecumenical prayer with its source in the liturgy of St. Basil, found in **Celebrating Eucharist** by Bosco Peters www.liturgy.co.nz; adapted by kjg*

Celebrant: God be with you.
All: **God's Spirit is with us.**
Celebrant: Lift your hearts and minds.
All: **We lift them to God.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God the Creator.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right to glorify you
and to give you thanks, holy and living God;
you dwell in light inaccessible
from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness,
you made all things and fill them with your blessing;
you created them to rejoice
in the splendor of your radiance.

Now we praise you with the faithful
of every time and place,
and give voice to every creature,
as we join in the eternal hymn:

All **O holy, holy, holy God,
O God of time and space.
All earth and sea and sky above
bear witness to your grace.
Hosanna in the highest heav'n
creation sings your praise.
And blessed is the One who comes
and bears your name always!**

Celebrant: We acclaim you, O Holy One.
All your actions reveal your wisdom and love.
You formed us in your own image,
giving the whole world into our care,
so that, in obedience to you, our creator,
we might serve you in all your creatures.

To the poor, Christ proclaimed
the good news of liberation;
to prisoners, freedom;
to the sorrowful, joy.
To fulfill your purpose,
Christ accepted suffering and death

and, through victory over the grave,
the whole creation was made new.

To you indeed be glory, creating God,
because on the night before he died,
your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread;
when he had given you thanks,
he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat, this is my body
which is given for you;
do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;
when he had given you thanks,
he gave it to them and said:
This cup is the new covenant poured out for you;
do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

Gracious God, we now celebrate
the memorial of our redemption.
From the gifts you have given us
we offer you this bread and this cup,
and proclaim the mystery of our faith,

All **Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come in glory.**

Celebrant Therefore, loving God,
recalling Christ's death and resurrection,
we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration,
that we may be inspired and encouraged
by your healing presence
and filled with your life and goodness.
Strengthen us to do your work,
and to be your body in the world.
Unite us in Christ and give your peace to all.

All: **This we together pray,
through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, O God,
in songs of everlasting praise.
Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us sing together:
All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: He whose table was open to all
is now present in this bread.
He whose word welcomed friend and stranger
offers friendship through this cup.

All: **With All everywhere we affirm
God's goodness at the heart of humanity,
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for all creation
All **Thanks be to God.**

Communion is offered to any who seek and love Jesus. It is Christ's table, it is Christ who invites, welcomes, and gives of himself to us. This mystery is available to all.

At the close of communion, the candle flame is passed through the cathedral as we prepare to sing together:

Blessing and leaving

Carol 119 Silent Night

Episcopal Blessing and Dismissal

The Dean: The light of Christ has come into the world

All: And we receive it

The Dean: The Love of God has come into the world

All: And we share it

The Dean: The Peace of God dispels all fear

All: And we say Glory! Alleluia! Amen!

Recessional Carol 118 O Come All Ye Faithful vs 1-5

Welcome friends to St. Paul's Cathedral. Our Bishop, Dean, staff, volunteers, and parishioners wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Christmas Poinsettias are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

Dulcie Brown & Barbara Pacey	by Reid and Verna Albright and Bob and Jo-Mary Hunter
The Handford & Atkinson Families	by Norm & Grace Atkinson
Joseph Gardiner and Jane Gardiner	by Mollie Both & Family
In joyful remembrance of loved ones	by Sue, Debbie, Richard, Jennifer, Lily, & Hannah Cane
Irene Edgeworth & loved ones	by Bert Edgeworth
Loved ones	by Bud & Jo-Lynn Forbes
Our parents	by Jim & Diane Freathy
In joyful remembrance of our parents	by Joy & George Fudge
Jack & Tip Beecher	by Mary Gowans and all their family
Bev & Barbara Hobbs	by Brian Diana, Michaela & Elena Hobbs
In loving memory of Carole and Maureen	by Diana Hobbs
Dad and Grandpa Bob Bowman	by the Hobbs Family
My parents, Laura & Eddie Maloney & my brother	by Margaret Holley
Ted Maloney	

Christmas Poinsettias are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

Family members Lorayne & Russell, Robert,
Catherine & Virginia - Special friends Ossie &
Helen Simpson, Doris Haywood-Farmer

by Bob & Jo-Mary Hunter

George Wilmot

by his wife Linda Jackson

Elaine & Kelly Kalnin

by Chuck, Neal & Families

James & Clarissa Kavanagh

by Elizabeth Kavanagh

Parents Vic & Ena King; Josh & Eileen Denny

by Bob & Pat King

Dorothy & Jerry Hooser & sister Gina

by Geri King & Family

Phil Knox

by Jean, Jack, Margaret, Betty & Family

George Lamperson

by Gwyneth Lamperson

Rose Leckey with love from her family

by Mary Leckey

In loving memory of our husbands Darrel & Trevor

by Rae, Bridget and our families

Our parents Murray & Mary Dingwall, sisters

By George (Red) & Janet MacKay

Marian & Shirley

Brothers Gordon, Ellsworth & George

By Red & Janet MacKay & Claire & Lloyd
Williams

Parents George & Margaret MacKay, brother
Dave, and sister Peggy

by George (Red) MacKay

Jerry Danyluk

by Janet MacKay, & daughters Paige &
Avery

Our parents, brothers and sisters

by Gloria & Mickey Martino

Betty & Archie McLean; Donald & Amy Baker

by Dean & Wendy McLean

In memory of our loved ones

by Phil & Val McVie

Our loved ones

by Ken & Laura Munro

Dwight's parents Frank & Dora, Islay's Dad Don
and sister-in-law Karen

by Dwight & Islay Oatway

Derek & Elizabeth Parkes, Barbara & Andy Brown,
Shirley Brown and Eric Brown

by Elaine & Roger Parkes

Mary & Joseph Wolbaum: Robert & Gerry Patch,
Daniel, Edith & Albert Findlay

by Carol & Randy Patch and family

Murray Roy, Bradley Roy, Matt Zimmerman, Adele
& Luigi Buttazzoni; Maria Vittorio Lizzi

by Rose, Rob, Cecely & Annan Roy

Mary Stainton

by Colleen Stainton

Our Moms, Shirley Martin & Joan Weir

by Paul Weir and Sandra Martin

Dad Tom Martin

by Paul Weir and Sandra Martin

The Christmas Memorial Wreath is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my mother
Edna Normand and Aunt Elsie Dudley by Susie Haughton