

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

YEAR A – 25TH DECEMBER 2022

The community of the Cathedral of St Stephen acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which our parish stands.

The Cathedral Parish has zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

Readings for today: Isaiah 9:1-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:15-20



*Joy to the world! Not just any world –
but this world, just as it is.*

*Joy to this roller-coaster, unsettled,
uncertain, unpredictable, baffling,
frightening, threatening world.*

*Joy to this beautiful, fascinating, graced,
mysterious, rejuvenating, evolving,
peaceful, enchanted world.*

*Joy to this ordinary, mundane, dutiful,
regular, dependable, trustworthy,
steady, organised world.*

*Yes, joy to this world, on this day,
in this year, in our time and in our place!*

Joy to this world!

*Joy to this human family, this gathered community,
all these searching souls!*

Joy to us!

To receive the gift of joy is not to pretend that everything is perfect, and fine. It isn't.

We share this world with people who have wounded lives through hateful violence and poisonous conflict; we share this world with people who have damaged homes and livelihoods through catastrophe and disaster; we share this world with people who have broken hearts through persistent grief and sorrow; we share this world with people who have depleted spirits through failure and emptiness. We share not only their physical world, but also share their emotional world, for we, too, know the human experience of woundedness, the ruins of destruction, the brokenness of heart, the loss of spirit.

But neither do we say there can be no joy until all the world is healed. For there is joy.

We share in this world's joy with every new light of day; with every exuberant child; with every laughter of friendship; with every stirring of curiosity; with every promise kept; with

every familiar smiling face; with every rewarded trust; with every glorious beauty; with every exhilarating adventure; with every gift of love and affection given and received.

The destruction of joy can seem to be more powerful, more devastating. Yes, there are moments when it is, but the gift of joy is not defeated that easily. Joy is the sweet, gentle, daily, insistent promise of light and life. Hope makes joy possible because it is light breaking the darkness and life on the edge of death. Joy is of divine origin: it flows from its most sacred source, the divine heart, into ours and back again. Joy can be lost but it can never be exhausted. It is the most renewable and sustainable of human energies.

So on this day, in this place, we sing
"Joy to the World!"

Joy to this world, as it is.

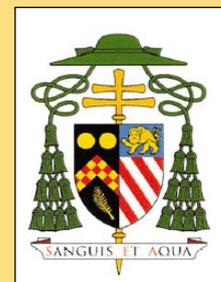
God doesn't wait for the world to be perfect to enter in. Nor does God wait for you or me to be perfect to fill the manger of our souls with divine light and love and joy. Stables are dirty, messy and undignified but once they are filled with the gift of Living Joy, all creation sings the divine praises. This is not our gift to God, but God's gift to us.

In joyful paradox we proclaim today, that our world, our lives are simple, messy stables which can only be dignified by the presence of the embodiment of Divine Joy itself.

No stable can ever be fully prepared for the gift it is to receive; like a stable, we are simply invited to receive this divine gift with joy – however messy, undignified and unprepared we may be.

So indeed, joy to the world on this day!

For into this wild and beautiful world,
God, our Maker, has come again!



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Villa Maria Age Care Chapel
171 St Paul's Terrace
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No public Masses until further notice.

Please note the following changes to the regular Mass & Reconciliation schedule - 26th Dec 2022 to 7th Jan 2023

Monday 26 December – St Stephen's Feast Day 8:00am Mass (livestreamed)

Tuesday 27 to Friday 30 December

Saturday 31 December

Sunday 1 January 2023

Monday 2 January – (Public Holiday)

Tuesday 2 January to Friday 6 January

Saturday 7 January

Livestreaming will be in recess until Wednesday 19th January 2023 (including Sunday Masses).

Mass 8:00am; Reconciliation 8:30am

Reconciliation 10:00-11:00am; Mass 11:30am

Saturday 6:00pm; Sunday 8:00am; 10:00am; 12noon; 7:30pm

Mass 8:00am

Mass 8:00am & 12:30pm; Reconciliation 1:00pm

Reconciliation 10:00-11:00am; Mass 11:30am



Use your phone and scan this QR code to hear Archbishop Mark Coleridge's Christmas message.

Support for the Cathedral Parish

Your support for the Cathedral Parish is appreciated.

You may place your donations in the collection plate during the Offertory, "Tap & Go" at the doors of the church or donate on-line by scanning the QR Code which will direct you to the donation page on the Cathedral website.



Music at 8:00am & Midday Masses of Christmas Day – Cathedral of St Stephen

ENTRANCE CAROL

CWB 267

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him born the King of Angels.

Refrain: O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God in the highest.

Refrain

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesu to thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

Refrain

KYRIE

Mass Shalom – Smith

All repeat after Cantor

GLORIA

Mass Shalom – Smith

Glo - ry to God in the high - est,
and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 95: 1-3. 11-13. R Lk 2:11

To - day is born our Sa - viour, Christ the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia

*Good News and great joy to all the world:
today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.*

OFFERTORY CAROL

CWB 265

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
let earth receive her King;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
let us our songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love
and wonders, wonders of his love.

SANCTUS

Mass Shalom – Smith

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

ICEL #1

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion
un-til you come a-gain.

LORD'S PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

COMMUNION CAROL

CWB 256

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

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

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

RECESSIONAL CAROL

CWB 262

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all you nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

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Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.

Refrain

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.

Refrain

INTROIT

Isaiah 9:6

Puer natus est nobis, et filius
datus est nobis: cuius
imperium super humerum
eius: et vocabitur nomen eius,
magni consilii Angelus.

*Unto us a child is born, unto us
a son is given. Dominion is on
his shoulder and his name shall
be called the Angel of Great
Counsel.*

PROCESSIONAL CAROL

CWB 267

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God of God, Light of Light,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
very God, begotten, not created.

Refrain

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KYRIE & GLORIA

Missa Brevis in C Major K259 WA Mozart (1756-1791)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97


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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 2:10-11


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OFFERTORY MOTET

What Child is This?

1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is
sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While
shepherds watch are keeping?

Chorus: This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

2. Why lies He in such mean estate, Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.
Chorus

3. So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come, peasant, king to
own Him. The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts
enthroned Him.

Chorus

Music: Hewitt Jones (1562-1621)

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O Salutaris Hostia

O salutaris hostia quae caeli
pandis ostium, bella
premunt hostilia: da robur,
fer auxilium. Uni trinoque
Domino sit sempiterna gloria,
qui vitam sine termino nobis
donet in patria.

*O saving victim who opens the
gate of heaven, hostile wars
press on us: give strength,
bring aid. To the Lord, three in
one, be everlasting glory, for life
without end he gives us in his
Kingdom.*

Music: Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

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CWB 256

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ORGAN VOLUNTARY

"Toccata" from Symphony V Op 42
- Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

Music at 9:00am Mass of Christmas Day – St Patrick's Church

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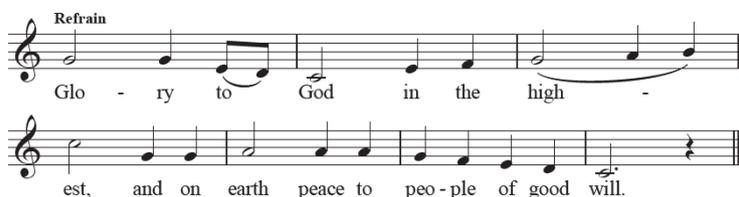
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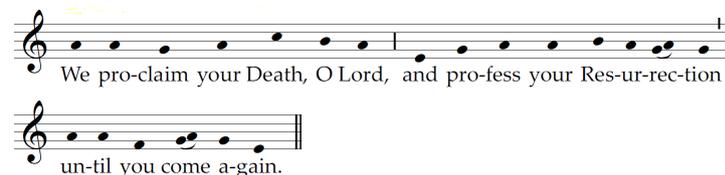
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