

The parish thanks the St. Martin's Scouting groups for the gift of the beautiful Christmas trees which were cut from their own Scout camp.

Announcements

Better Sight and Sound

Large print editions of the bulletin and hymn book are available from the sidespeople. Earpieces for increased sound reproduction are also available.

Christmas Communion

If you know of anyone who would like to receive Christmas Communion either in hospital or at home, please speak to Fr. Philip.

Christmas Day Lunch

The parish will be serving lunch (turkey and all the fixings) tomorrow after the 11 a.m. Christmas Day Eucharist. A donation would be appreciated.

New Year's Levee

Archbishop Johnson invites you to the New Year's Day Levee at St. James Cathedral (King & Church) from 2:00 –3:15 p.m. on Monday, January 1st. Evensong will be sung at 4:00 p.m.

From the Treasurer

A reminder that donations to the church must be received by Saturday, December 31st to be included on your 2017 tax receipt.

Christmas Crèches

Why not have a look at the collection of crèches (some owned by the parish, others loaned by parishioners) on display in the glass case in the narthex?

Christmas at St. Martin's

Christmas Day *Monday, December 25*

11:00 a.m. Eucharist with Carols
followed by Christmas Lunch

St. Stephen *Tuesday, December 26*

10:00 a.m. Eucharist

The First Sunday after Christmas *Sunday, December 31*

8:30 a.m. Eucharist
11:00 a.m. Christmas Lessons & Carols with Eucharist

The Feast of the Epiphany *Sunday, January 7*

8:30 a.m. Eucharist
11:00 a.m. Procession & Sung Eucharist

The Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields

Christmas Eve 2017, 7:00 p.m.

The Christmas Story and Holy Eucharist

Celebrant: the Reverend Canon Susan Bell

Prelude: La Grâce

Telemann

Hymn: 118, omit v. 5a "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Adeste Fideles

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Hymn: sung by All (seated)

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright

Round yon virgin mother and child.

Holy infant so tender and mild,

Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Please extinguish candles when the lights are turned on.

Scene 1: A Strange Moment in History

Hymn: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel

That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel

O come, O come, great Lord of might,

Who to your tribes on Sinai's height

In ancient times once gave the law, in cloud and majesty and awe.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Scene 2: The Foretelling of the Messiah - Trumpet Interlude

Scene 3: Gabriel comes to Mary

Scene 4: A Census is Called

Hymn: sung by All (seated)

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by:
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**
**For Christ is born of Mary; and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.**
**O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all the earth.**

Scene 5: No Room at the Inn

Hymn: sung by All (seated)

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the night 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 on high
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.**
**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.**
**Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with you there.**

Scene 6: Angels from on High

Hymn: sung by All (seated)

**Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains.
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strain.**
Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.
**Shepherds why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song? Refrain**
**Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing.
Come, adore on bended knee.
Christ the Lord, the newborn king. Refra**

Scene 7: Emmanuel has Come

Hymn: sung by All— Please stand

**While shepherds kept their watching
Over silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens,
There shone a holy light:**

**Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born**

**Down in a lowly manger
Our humble Christ was born
And God send us salvation,
That blessed Christmas morn: Refrain.**

The Peace

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Hymn during the Offertory

Irby

**Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.**
**He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor, and mean, and lowly, lived on earth our Saviour holy.**
**And, through all his wondrous childhood, he would honour and obey,
love, and watch the lowly maiden in whose gentle arms he lay:
Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as he.**
**For he is our childhood's pattern, day by day like us he grew;
he was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew;
and he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.**
**And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love,
for that Child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.**
**Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him; but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;
when like stars his children crowned all in white shall wait around.**

Prayer over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer 3, page 198

Sanctus: Hymn 719

Land of Rest

The Lord's Prayer, page 211

The Breaking of the Bread 6, page 213

The Communion, page 213

Every baptized person is invited to receive Holy Communion. To receive a blessing only, please indicate your wish by crossing your arms across your chest.

Hymn 119

Silent Night

Organ & Trumpet: L'Esperance

Telemann

Prayer after Communion, page 214

Blessing of the People

Hymn: 138

Mendelssohn

Please remain standing for the Dismissal.

Postlude: La Réjouissance

Telemann

Organist: Jack Hattey

Trumpet: Paul Sanvidotti