



# Solemn Opening Mass of the Jubilee Year

Sunday, December 29, 2024  
St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica



Archdiocese  
of Toronto

*In the context of the eucharistic celebration, the particular sign of the solemn opening of the Jubilee Year is the **pilgrimage** of the diocesan Church and the **processional entrance** behind the Jubilee 2025 cross into the Cathedral.*

*The procession is expressed in three moments: the Collectio (“gathering”) in the Cathedral Crypt Chapel; the Pilgrimage; the entrance into the Cathedral. The first two parts of the procession will be heard in the Cathedral via audio only as broadcast from the Cathedral Crypt Chapel.*

*At this Mass, the Apostolic Blessing with plenary indulgence will be offered. We are all invited to repent of our sins and dispose ourselves to share in this indulgence.*

# THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

## Prelude

## Welcome

## The Collectio

*The Archbishop greets the faithful gathered and invites them to bless and praise God.*

**R.** Blessed be the Lord our hope.

*The Archbishop addresses the faithful and after a brief moment of silence offers an exhortation and prayer:*

Brothers and sisters,  
the mystery of the Incarnation of our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
fostered in the communion of love of the Holy Family of Nazareth,  
is for us the ground of deep joy and certain hope.  
In fellowship with the universal Church,  
as we celebrate the love of the Father that reveals itself  
in the flesh of the Word made man and in the sign of the cross, anchor of salvation,  
we solemnly open the Jubilee Year for the Church of Toronto.

This rite is for us the prelude to a rich experience of grace and mercy;  
we are ready always to respond to whoever asks the reason for the hope that is in us,  
especially in this time of war and disorder.  
May Christ, our peace and our hope,  
be our companion on the journey in this year of grace  
and consolation.  
May the Holy Spirit, who today begins this work both in us and with us,  
bring it to completion in the day of Christ Jesus.

*After a brief moment of silence, the Archbishop continues:*

O Father,  
you are the hope that does not disappoint  
and the beginning and end of all things;  
bless the start of our pilgrim journey

behind the glorious cross of your Son  
in this time of grace;  
bind up the wounds of hearts that are broken,  
loosen the chains that hold us slaves of sin  
and prisoners of hatred  
and grant your people the joy of the Spirit  
so that they may walk with renewed hope towards their  
longed-for destiny,  
Christ your Son and our Lord.  
He lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**R.** Amen.

## **Gospel**

John 14:1-7

*A brief period of silence is observed before a reading from the Bull of Indiction of the Jubilee Year.  
(Spes non Confundit 1, 3)*

1. Spes non confundit. “Hope does not disappoint” (Rom 5:5). In the spirit of hope, the Apostle Paul addressed these words of encouragement to the Christian community of Rome. Hope is also the central message of the coming Jubilee that, in accordance with an ancient tradition, the Pope proclaims every twenty-five years. My thoughts turn to all those pilgrims of hope who will travel to Rome in order to experience the Holy Year and to all those others who, though unable to visit the City of the Apostles Peter and Paul, will celebrate it in their local Churches. For everyone, may the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the “door” (cf. Jn 10:7.9) of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all as “our hope” (1 Tim 1:1).

Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring. Even so, uncertainty about the future may at times give rise to conflicting feelings, ranging from confident trust to apprehensiveness, from serenity to anxiety, from firm conviction to hesitation and doubt. Often, we come across people who are discouraged, pessimistic and cynical about the future, as if nothing could possibly bring them happiness. For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope.

3. Hope is born of love and based on the love springing from the pierced heart of Jesus upon the cross: “For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life” (Rom 5:10). That life becomes manifest in our own life of faith, which begins with Baptism, develops in openness to God’s grace and is enlivened by a hope constantly renewed and confirmed by the working of the Holy Spirit. By his perennial presence in the life of the pilgrim Church, the Holy Spirit illumines all believers with the light of hope. He keeps that light burning, like an ever-burning lamp, to sustain and invigorate our lives. Christian hope does not deceive or disappoint because it is grounded in the certainty that nothing and no one may ever separate us from God’s love.

*At the end of the reading, the deacon gives the sign for the procession to begin:*

Brothers and sisters, let us go forth in the name of Christ:  
he is the way that leads to the Father,  
the truth that sets us free,  
the life that has overcome death.

## **The Pilgrimage**

*The pilgrimage procession now sets out for the Cathedral.*

## **Litany of the Saints**

Lord have mercy.  
Christ have mercy.  
Lord have mercy.

Christ hear us.  
Christ graciously hear us.  
God, the Father of heaven,  
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
God the Holy Spirit,  
Holy Trinity, one God,

Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
St. Michael,  
All you Holy Angels and Archangels,

Lord have mercy.  
Christ have mercy.  
Lord have mercy.

Christ hear us.  
Christ graciously hear us.  
have mercy on us.  
have mercy on us.  
have mercy on us.  
have mercy on us.

pray for us.  
pray for us.  
pray for us.

St. John the Baptist,  
St. Joseph,

pray for us.  
pray for us.

St. Peter and St. Paul,  
St. Andrew,  
St. John,  
All you holy Apostles and Evangelists,

pray for us.  
pray for us.  
pray for us.  
pray for us.

St. Mary Magdalen,  
All you holy disciples of the Lord,

pray for us.  
pray for us.

St. Stephen,  
St. Ignatius of Antioch,  
St. Laurence,  
St. Perpetua and St. Felicity,  
St. Agnes,  
All you holy martyrs of Christ,

pray for us.  
pray for us.  
pray for us.  
pray for us.  
pray for us.  
pray for us.

St. Gregory the Great,  
St. Augustine,  
St. Athanasius,  
St. Basil,  
St. Martin,  
St. Cyril and St. Methodius,  
St. Benedict,

pray for us.  
pray for us.  
pray for us.  
pray for us.  
pray for us.  
pray for us.  
pray for us.

St. Francis,  
St. Dominic,  
St. Francis Xavier,  
St. Philip Neri,  
St. John Mary Vianney,  
St. Catherine of Siena,  
St. Teresa of Avila,  
All you holy Saints of God,

pray for us.  
pray for us.  
pray for us.  
pray for us.  
pray for us.  
pray for us.  
pray for us.

Lord, be merciful.  
From all evil,  
From all sin,  
From everlasting death,  
By your holy Incarnation,

Lord, deliver us, we pray.  
Lord, deliver us, we pray.  
Lord, deliver us, we pray.  
Lord, deliver us, we pray.  
Lord, deliver us, we pray.

By your death and resurrection,  
By the coming of the Holy Spirit,

Lord, deliver us, we pray.  
Lord, deliver us, we pray.

Be merciful to us sinners.  
Console and enlighten your holy Church.  
Protect the Pope, bishops

Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.  
Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

and all ministers of your Gospel.  
Send new workers into your vineyard.  
Grant the whole world justice and peace.

Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.  
Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.  
Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Help and comfort all who endure  
trial and suffering.  
Guard and strengthen in your service  
the entire people consecrated to you.

Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.  
Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Jesus, Son of the living God, hear our prayer. Jesus, Son of the living God, hear our prayer.

## The Entrance Into the Cathedral

*At the Cathedral door, the Jubilee 2025 cross is raised and the Archbishop invites the faithful to venerate it.*

Hail, cross of Christ, our only hope.

**R.** You are our hope, we will never be confounded.

## The Rite of Commemoration of Baptism with Sprinkling

*The Archbishop then moves towards the baptismal font and invites the faithful assembled to pray:*

Dear brothers and sisters,  
let us invoke the Lord our God that he may bless this water which he has created;  
we shall be sprinkled with it as a memorial of our Baptism.  
May the Lord renew our hearts.

Lord God almighty, source and origin of life,  
bless this water with which we shall be sprinkled.  
We are trustful that we shall receive the forgiveness of sin,  
protection from all infirmity and from the deceit of the evil one,  
and the grace of your protection.

In your mercy, grant us, O Lord, a fount of living water that wells up to eternal life, so that, free from every danger of soul or body, we may come to you with a pure heart. Through Christ our Lord.

**R.** Amen.

*The Archbishop, ministers and all the faithful assembled are sprinkled.*

## Asperges me

Ps. 50, 9 et 3; XIII. s.

Ant.  
7.  
**A** -SPERGES me, \* Dó-mi-ne, hyssó-po, et mun-  
dá-bor : la-vá-bis me, et su-per ni-vem de- albá-  
bor. Ps. 50. Mi-se-ré-re me- i, De- us, \* se-cúndum magnam  
mi-se-ri-cór-di-am tu- am. Gló- ri- a Patri, et Fí-li-o,  
et Spi-rí-tu- i Sancto : \* Sic- ut e-rat in princí-pi- o, et  
nunc, et semper, et in saécu-la saecu-ló-rum. A- men.

*Sprinkle me with hyssop, O Lord, and I shall be cleansed; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. V̄. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. V̄. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever, amen. (Psalm 51:7,1)*



Processional Hymn *Angels we have heard on high*

IRIS



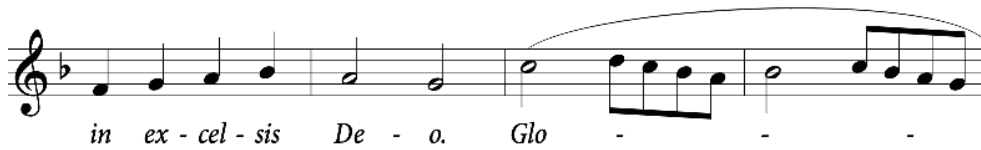
1. An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly  
 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your  
 3. Come to Beth - l'hem, come and see Him whose  
 4. See with - in a man - ger laid Je - sus,



sing - ing o'er our plains, And the moun - tains in re -  
 rap - t'rous strains pro - long? Say, what may the ti - dings  
 birth the an - gels sing; Come, a - dore on bend - ed  
 Lord of heav'n and earth; Mar - y, Jo - seph, lend your



ply, Ech - o still their joy - ous strains.  
 be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
 knee Th'In - fant Christ, the new - born King.  
 aid To ce - le - brate our Sav - iour's birth.



## Introit *Deus in loco sancto suo*

*God is in his holy dwelling place; the God who causes us to dwell together, one at heart, in his house; he himself will give power and strength to his people. Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; and let those who hate him flee before his face.*  
(Psalm 67:6-7, 36, 2)

## Gloria

*Celebrant/Cantor:* *Mode v*



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

*All*



et in ter - ra pax ho - mi - ni - bus bo - nae vo - lun - ta - tis.



Lau - da - mus te, be - ne - di - ci - mus te,



a - do - ra - mus te, glo - ri - fi - ca - mus te,



gra - ti - as a - gi - mus ti - bi prop - ter ma - gnam glo - ri - am



tu - am, Do - mi - ne De - us, Rex cae - le - stis, De - us Pa - ter



o - mni - po - tens. Do - mi - ne Fi - li U - ni - ge - ni - te,

Je - su Chri-ste, Do-mi-ne De-us, A-gnus De-i,

Fi-li-us Pa-tris, qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta

mun-di, mi-se-re-re no-bis;

qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di, su-sci-pe de-pre-ca-ti-

o-nem no-stram. Qui se-des ad dex-te-ram

Pa-tris, mi-se-re-re no-bis. Quo-ni-am tu so-lus San-ctus,

tu so-lus Do-mi-nus, tu so-lus Al-tis-

si-mus, Je-su Chri-ste, cum San-cto Spi-ri-tu:

in glo-ri-a De-i Pa-tris. A-men.


# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## First Reading

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 R. 1



Musical notation for the Responsorial Psalm, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of a series of quarter notes on a single line, with a final note on a half note. The text "Bless-ed is ev-ery-one who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways." is written below the staff. The initials "CK" are in the top right corner.


Bless-ed is ev-ery-one who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways.

## Second Reading

Colossians 3:12-21

## Gospel Acclamation

Hebrews 1:1-2



Musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of a series of quarter notes, with a final note on a half note. The text "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." is written below the staff.

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

## Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

## Homily

## Profession of Faith *Nicene Creed*

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
*(all bow)*  
*and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,*  
*and became man.*  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
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.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Universal Prayer

**R.** Strengthen us in hope, O Lord.

1. For the holy Church of God; may she be an unfailing beacon of light amid the darkness of the world and, with Mother Mary's example and intercession, give hope to those who live in despair.  
We pray to the Lord. **R.** (French)
2. For our Holy Father Pope Francis and our archbishop Cardinal Leo and all Bishops; that they may find strength and inspiration from the words and grace of Christ our Eternal High Priest.  
We pray to the Lord. **R.**

3. For a growth in faith and devotion in the Archdiocese of Toronto; may all heed the Lord's call to sanctity with a renewed heart and become bearers of hope in our families, parishes, schools, neighbourhoods and communities.  
We pray to the Lord. **R.** (Spanish)
4. For all the faith communities; may the call to greater synodality challenge and encourage us to keep walking with Christ and with one another, in fidelity to the Deposit of Faith and open to the creativity and newness that the Holy Spirit is calling us to with a humble and listening heart.  
We pray to the Lord. **R.**
5. For government leaders; may they work together towards a just distribution of the world's resources, respect for the dignity of workers and establish concrete measures to bring about peace in the world.  
We pray to the Lord. **R.** (Tagalog)
6. For refugees and migrants, those exiled from their homeland and all who have been displaced by war or famine; may they find welcome and security in the nations and communities in which they settle.  
We pray to the Lord. **R.**(Ukrainian)
7. For those who experience the scandal of hunger, the anxiety of poverty and the stigma of homelessness; may they persevere in hope and may their physical needs be satisfied by the generosity of Christians.  
We pray to the Lord. **R.**
8. For all who are marginalized; may they know the Lord's closeness to them and be respected as beloved children of God.  
We pray to the Lord. **R.** (Nisga'a)
9. For the elderly and for grandparents; may they never be abandoned or forgotten but always esteemed for their wisdom and experience and loved by their families.  
We pray to the Lord. **R.**(Polish)
10. For youth and parents; may they embrace the future with hope and enthusiasm, building healthy relationships in the domestic church that reflect God's vision of the human person called to holiness.  
We pray to the Lord. **R.**

11. For those young men and women called to the priesthood or consecrated life; may they persevere in hope and seek the will of God each day.  
We pray to the Lord. **R.**(Italian)
12. For all who are sick and suffering; may they find within the Church a source of comfort and healing, and for all who have died; may they be welcomed into the glory of eternal life.  
We pray to the Lord. **R.**

## The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,  
may the *faith* you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of *charity* enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators  
of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within  
both humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth, when,  
with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.  
Amen.

# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## Offertory Motet *In the bleak midwinter*

Darke

*In the bleak mid-winter  
Frosty wind made moan  
Earth stood hard as iron,  
Water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
Snow on snow,  
In the bleak mid-winter  
Long ago.*

*Our God, heaven cannot hold Him  
Nor earth sustain,  
Heaven and earth shall flee away  
When He comes to reign:  
In the bleak mid-winter  
A stable-place sufficed  
The Lord God Almighty —  
Jesus Christ.*

*Enough for Him, whom cherubim  
Worship night and day,  
A breastful of milk  
And a mangerful of hay;  
Enough for Him, whom Angels  
Fall down before,  
The ox and ass and camel  
Which adore.*

*What can I give Him,  
Poor as I am? —  
If I were a Shepherd  
I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a Wise Man  
I would do my part, —  
Yet what I can I give Him, —  
Give my heart.*

*Text by Christina Rossetti*

## Eucharistic Acclamations *from A Community Mass*

### Sanctus

*Organ:* *All:*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high-est.

### Memorial Acclamation

*Organ:* *All:*  
When we eat this Bread and  
drink this Cup, we pro - claim your Death, O  
Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

### Amen

A - men, a - men, a - men.

## The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant:* Praeceptis salutaribus moniti, et divina institutione formati, audemus dicere:

*All:*



Pa - ter no - ster, qui es in cae - lis: san - cti - fi - ce - tur  
no - men tu - um; ad - ve - ni - at re - gnum tu - um; fi - at  
vo - lun - tas tu - a, si - cut in cae - lo, et in ter - ra.  
Pa - nem no - strum co - ti - di - a - num da no - bis ho - di - e;  
et di - mit - te no - bis de - bi - ta no - stra, si - cut et nos  
di - mit - ti - mus de - bi - to - ri - bus no - stris; et ne nos  
in - du - cas in ten - ta - ti - o - nem; sed li - be - ra nos a ma - lo.

Agnus Dei from *Missa O Magnum Mysterium*

T.L. de Victoria

## Communion Antiphon *Filii, quid fecisti nobis*

*"Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been sorrowfully searching for you." "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?" Lk. 2:48-49*

## Communion Hymn *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

PICARDY



1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence,  
2. King of kings, yet born of Mar - y,  
3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en,  
4. At his feet the six - winged ser - aph,



and with fear and tremb - ling stand;  
as of old on earth he stood,  
spreads its van - guard on the way,  
cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye



Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly mind - ed,  
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture—  
As the Light of light de - scend - eth—  
Veil their fac - es to the Pres - ence,



for with bless - ings in his hand—  
in the Bod - y and the Blood—  
from the realms of end - less day,  
as with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ, our God, to earth de - scend - eth,  
He will give to all the faith - ful  
That the pow'rs of hell may van - ish  
'Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,

our full hom - age to de - mand.  
 his own self for heav'n - ly food.  
 as the dark - ness clears a - way.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord most high!

## Communion Motet *Ave, verum corpus*

W.A. Mozart

*Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria virgine; Vere passum immolatum in crucis pro homine. Cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine. Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.*

*Hail, true body, born of the virgin Mary; who has truly suffered, slaughtered on the Cross for humanity. Whose side was pierced, pouring out water and blood. Be a foretaste for us during our ordeal of death.*

—Pope Innocent VI

## Prayer After Communion

# THE CONCLUDING RITES

## Apostolic Blessing

*The Apostolic Blessing is given with plenary indulgence at this Jubilee 2025 Mass. Each person who wishes to receive the plenary indulgence is to fulfill the following conditions:*

1. Detachment from all sin, even venial;
2. Sacramental confession, Holy Communion;
3. Prayer for the intentions of the Pope.

## Solemn Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

**R.** Amen.

May he let his face shine upon you  
and show you his mercy.

**R.** Amen.

May he turn his countenance towards you  
and give you his peace.

**R.** Amen.

Through the intercession of the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, may almighty  
God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**R.** Amen.

## Dismissal

## Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

## Concluding Hymn *Joy to the world*

ANTIOCH



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re-  
 2. Joy to the earth! the Sav- iour reigns; Let men their  
 3. No more let sins and sor- rows grow, Nor thorns in-  
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the



ceive her King; Let ev- ery heart pre- pare him  
 songs em- ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and  
 fest the ground; He comes to make his bless- ings  
 na- tions prove The glo- ries of his right- eous-



room, And heav'n and na- ture sing, and heav'n and  
 plains Re- peat the sound- ing joy, re- peat the  
 flow Far as the curse is found, far as the  
 ness, And won- ders of his love, and won- ders



na- ture sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na- ture sing.  
 sound- ing joy, re- peat, re- peat the sound- ing joy.  
 curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 of his love, and won- ders, won- ders of his love.

## Postlude *Un flambeau, Jeannette, Isabelle*

Keith Chapman

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