Saturday, December 3rd 2022
Simulcast between two locations:
Glasgow Cathedral
Castle Street, Glasgow, G4 0QZ at 14:00 (GMT)

&

The Church of St Catherine
Manger Square, Bethlehem at 16:00 (Bethlehem Time)

The Christian communities in the two cities of Bethlehem and Glasgow, who have enjoyed a Municipal Twinning Agreement since 2007, gather together in worship for a joint ecumenical service of Readings and Carols which will be simultaneously broadcast between the two locations.

Especially in this year of challenging and dangerous times, we remember and are renewed by the Hope that was born in Bethlehem more than 2,000 years ago. The combined service will be led by local leaders from the Church of Scotland, the Catholic Church and the Scottish Episcopal Church in Glasgow and the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem in Bethlehem.
Organised by the Friends of the Holy Land, a registered charity whose mission is to sustain the Christian communities in the Holy Land. Whilst we are mindful of the areas of the world currently suffering the devastation of war and oppression, conditions of oppression and deprivation are endemic for these communities. We pray for Peace in the Holy Land and take practical action to help the ‘living stones’ (1 Peter 2:5) remain.

With grateful thanks to:
The Revd Mark E. Johnstone and the Parish Ministry team at Glasgow Cathedral.
The Lord Provost’s Office, Glasgow City Council.
Fr Rami Asakrieh, OFM, Parish Priest, the Church of St Catherine, Bethlehem.
The Christian Information Centre, Jerusalem.

Expected to attend

Glasgow:

• The Rt Revd Dr Iain Greenshields, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland
• The Most Rev William Nolan, Archbishop of Glasgow
• The Rt Revd Kevin Pearson, Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway
• Cllr Jacqueline McLaren, the Lord Provost of Glasgow
• The Reverend Hilary McDougall, Moderator of the Presbytery of Glasgow.

Bethlehem:

• His Beatitude Pierbattista Pizzaballa, Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem.
• The Most Reverend Hosam E. Naoum, Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem.
• Metropolitan Benedictos, Bishop of the Greek Orthodox Church in Bethlehem.
• Mr Hanna Hanania, Mayor of Bethlehem.
• Bishop Sani Ibrahim Azar, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land

There will be a reception in the Cathedral supported by the Lord Provost’s Office after the service along with a chance to see the ‘50 Faces of the Holy Land’ exhibition. The service is free to attend and walk-ins are welcome on the day, however, to assist with our planning for catering please register at www.friendsoftheholyland.org.uk/glasgow-service2022