December 24, 2025 7pm & 11pm

Christmas Eve





Loving God. Loving People. Growing in Christ Together.

Presiding: Assisting:

The Reverend Canon Dr. Patrick McManus

The Reverend Ginnie Wong

The Reverend Deacon Jennifer Cameron The Reverend Deacon Natania Friesen

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We gather with song and prayer as the People of God

We are a Christian community who celebrates the love of God in our common life of prayer and service in this neighbourhood.

Children are full members of our church and we welcome their presence and participation in our worship.

Please feel free to sit at any time during the celebration.

Prelude: Silent Night, Holy Night Arr. Dale Wood

Carol: O Come, All Ye Faithful (118)

Tune: Adeste Fideles

Please stand as you are able.

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:(R)

O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of Light, Lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb; Very God, begotten not created. (R)

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle, Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear; We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps. (R)

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; Glory to God in the highest. (R) Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing. (R)

Welcome:

The Christmas Greeting:

Presider: The people who walked in darkness,

People: have seen a great light.

Presider: For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

Presider: His name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor,

Mighty God,

People: the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Presider: Glory to God in the highest

People: and peace to his people on earth.

~cf. Isaiah 9.2,6

The Song of Praise:
Gloria in Excelsis

Tune: Iris (#135)

Glory be to God in heaven, Peace on earth in all our days! King and Lord, almighty Father, Praise and blessing now we raise: Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Lamb of God, O Lord most holy, Jesus, take our sins away; You are seated with the Father, Hear our voices as we pray: Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo! Jesus, you are Lord and Saviour, You alone the Holy One, With the Holy Spirit blessed And the Father on the throne. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

The Lighting of the Christ Candle:

Reader: Jesus, you came to be the light in our darkness.

You came to be the peace in our conflicts.

All: Lord Jesus, Light of light,

you have come among us.

Help us who live by your light to shine as lights in your world. Glory to God in the highest.

Reader: Jesus, you came to be the joy in our sadness,

and to bring your love into our fears.

Light the Christ candle.

Reader: Tonight we celebrate your birth.

Thank you for your saving grace.

All: As we celebrate the coming of Christ

who brings light to the world,

help us leave behind the darkness of sin, walk in the light that shines on our path, and renew within us the hope of glory

to which you beckons us. Amen.

The Prayer of the Day:

Presider: Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

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 splendour 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.

Please be seated.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

We read and respond to God's message in Scripture

First Reading: **Isaiah 9:2-7**

Reader: Donna Bristow, 7 pm Reader: Chris Pitts, 11 pm

Reader: A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will

establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader: The word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

Please keep a period of silence for reflection.

Psalm 96 Tune: Forest Green (#121)

Please remain seated.

Sing to the Lord new songs, proclaim
The marvels he has done
With his right hand and holy arm,
The triumph he has won.
The victory the Lord has won
He has this day made known;
To all the world his righteousness
Has openly been shown.

The Lord recalls for Israel
His love and faithfulness;
To all the earth his victory
Sing to him and rejoice,
Shout now with joy to God the Lord;
In praise lift up your voice;
All nations of the worlds as one
Sing to him and rejoice.

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

Reader: Sharon Conway, 7 pm Reader: Anne Layton, 11 pm

Reader: A reading from the letter of Paul to Titus.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader: The word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

Please keep a period of silence for reflection.

The Gospel Acclamation: While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Tune: Winchester (#136)

Please stand as you are able.

While shepherds watched their flocks by night all seated on the ground, The angel of the Lord came down and glory shone around;

"Fear not", said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind, "Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and humankind."

> The Holy Gospel: Luke 2: 1-20

Gospeller: The Reverend Deacon Jennifer Cameron, 7 pm Gospeller: The Reverend Deacon Natania Friesen, 11 pm

Gospeller: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according

to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospeller: In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Sung) All glory be to God on high, and to the world be peace; Goodwill henceforth from heaven to earth begin, and never cease.

Please be seated.

Sermon:

The Reverend Canon Dr. Patrick McManus

Please keep a period of silence for reflection.

The Nicene Creed:

Please stand as you are able.

Presider: Let us confess our faith, as we say

All:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified

under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Presider: Having reaffirmed our faith, let us prepare to offer our

prayers to God.

The Litany of Christmas: Helen Skippon, 7 pm Sue Nielsen, 11 pm

Leader: In peace let us pray, saying *Holy God - hear our prayer*.

Loving God, on this holy night our Saviour was born in human flesh. Renew your Church as the Body of Christ.

Holy God -

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: On this holy night there was no room for your Child in

the inn. Protect with your love those who have no

home and all who live in poverty.

Holy God -

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: On this holy night Mary, in the pain of labour, brought

your Son to birth. Hold in your hand those who are

sick and all who are in pain or distress.

Holy God -

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: On this holy night Christ came as a light shining in the

darkness. Bring comfort to places in the world where there is war, oppression, calamity and to all who suffer

in the sadness of our world.

Holy God -

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: On this holy night the angels sang, 'Peace to God's

people on earth.' Strengthen those who work for peace

and justice in the world.

Holy God -

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: On this holy night shepherds found the Holy Family,

and saw the baby lying in the manger. Bless our homes

and all whom we love.

Holy God -

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: On this holy night heaven is come down to earth, and

earth is raised to heaven. Hold in your hand all those who have passed through death in the hope of your

coming kingdom.

Holy God -

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: On this holy night Christians the world over celebrate

Jesus's birth. Open our hearts that he may be born in us

today.

Holy God -

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Father,

on this holy night angels and shepherds worshipped at

the manger throne.

Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary,

Joseph and all the saints

through him who is your Word made flesh,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

~cf. Matthew 1.21

The Confession and Absolution:

Presider: Dear friends in Christ,

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;

he welcomes sinners

and invites them to his table.

Let us confess our sins,

confident in God's forgiveness.

Please kneel as you are able.

Presider: Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us,

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your name. Amen.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy upon you,

pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,

and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Peace:

Having prayed for God's grace and peace for us and the world, we exchange a sign of that peace with one another. As you are comfortable, you may shake hands with those around you and say the words, "Peace be with you."

You may also simply bow your head as you say the words.

Please stand as you are able.

Presider: This holy night the angels sang,

'Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace to all in whom he delights.'

~cf. Luke 2.14

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

We share God's banquet of love for this community of faith

Carol:

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (138)

Tune: Mendelssohn

It's during the singing of this hymn that we give back to God from what God has given us. You can use an offering envelope or give via e-transfer: etransfer@allsaintskingsway.ca Hark! The herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King; Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled: Joyful all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies, With th' angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Refrain (R): Hark! The herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King.

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 th' incarnate deity! Pleased as one of us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. (R)

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings;
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth,
Born to give us second birth. ®

Prayer over the Gifts:

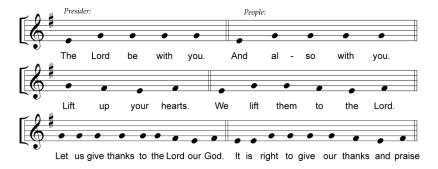
Please remain standing.

Presider: Source of light and gladness,

accept all we offer on this joyful feast.

May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours; for he is Lord now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving:



Presider:

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the mystery of his incarnation was made perfect man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; in him we have seen a new and radiant vision of your glory.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven, we lift our voices and sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus: **Adeste Fideles (118)** *John Francis Wade (1711-1786)*

People:



Presider:

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,

out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Presider: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

A11. Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

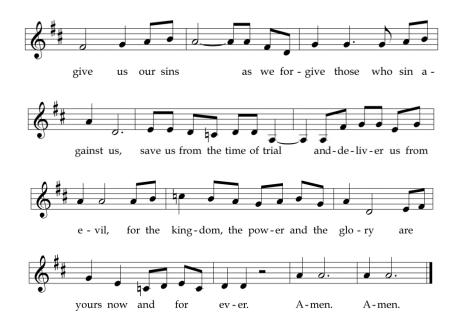
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer: Mass for the King of Glory Betty Pulkingham (b.1928)

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:





Breaking of the Bread:

Presider: We break the bread of life, and that life is the Light of

the world.

People: God here among us, light in the midst of us,

Bring us to light and life.

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Song for the Breaking of Bread: **O Jesus, Redeemer** *Tune: Cradle Song (#126)*

O Jesus, Redeemer, O bless'd Lamb of God, The angels sang praises in glory and laud; Forgive us our sins as we sing of your birth, And give us your blessing in heaven and earth.

O Jesus, Redeemer, O bless'd Lamb of God,

You came down from heaven in glory and awe; Bring healing and comfort by your holy birth, And give us your peace now in heaven and earth.

Please be seated.

Carol: In the Bleak Midwinter (122)

Tune: Cranham

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.

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.

Carol:
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (125)

Traditional Polish Carol

Infant holy, infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little knowing Christ, the babe, is Lord of all. Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing: Christ the babe is Lord of all! Christ the babe is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new saw the glory, heard the story,

tidings of the gospel true.

Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow Christ the babe was born for you, Christ the babe was born for you!

Choral Anthem: Arching Starlight Jeff Enns

Carol:

It Came upon the Midnight Clear (140)

Tune: Carol

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, to all good will
From heaven's all-gracious king!"
The world in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come With peaceful wings unfurled, And still their heavenly music floats O'er all the weary world; Above its sad and lowly plains They bend on hovering wing, And ever o'er its Babel sounds The blessed angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on, By prophets seen of old, When with the ever-circling years Shall come the time foretold: When the new heaven and earth shall own The Prince of Peace their King, And the whole world send back the song Which now the angels sing. Candles will be lit during the singing of this carol. Please hold lit candles upright and tilt unlit candles into flame.

Carol: Silent Night (119)

Tune: Stille Nacht

Please stand as you are able.

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!

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from Heaven afar,
Heavenly Hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ, the Saviour, is born!
Christ, the Saviour, is born!

Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy Holy Face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy Birth!
Jesus, Lord, at Thy Birth!

Prayer after Communion:

Presider: Faithful God,

in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation.

May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

Doxology:

Presider: Glory to God

All: Whose power, working in us,

can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation,

in the Church and in Christ Jesus,

forever and ever. Amen.

Christmas Blessing:

Presider: May the Father,

who has loved the eternal Son

from before the foundation of the world, shed that love upon you his children.

Amen.

May Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one, things earthly and heavenly, fill you with joy and peace.

Amen.

May the Holy Spirit, by whose overshadowing Mary became the God-bearer, give you grace to carry the good news of Christ. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you always.

Amen.

Carol: Joy to the World (154)

Tune: Antioch

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

Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns: let us glad 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.

The Dismissal:

Deacon: Go forth in the love and joy of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Joy to the World Arr. Alfred Fedak We give thanks to God for all who give back to God out of what God has given you in support of the ministry at All Saints Kingsway! If you would like to give, you can do so in the following ways.

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