December 28, 2025 10am

First Sunday after Christmas





Loving God. Loving People. Growing in Christ Together.

Presiding: The Reverend Canon Dr. Patrick McManus

Assisting: The Reverend Ginnie Wong

The Reverend Deacon Jennifer Cameron The Reverend Deacon Natania Friesen

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We gather with song and prayer as the People of God

We are a Christian community that celebrates God's love 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 service.

Prelude: What Child is This? arr. Dorothy Wells

Please stand as you are able.

Carol: Angels, from the Realms of Glory (143)

Tune: Regent Square

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; you who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth: come and worship, come and worship worship Christ, the new-born King.

Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night, God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant Light: come and worship, come and worship worship Christ, the new-born King.

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear, suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear:

come and worship, come and worship worship Christ, the new-born King.

Though an infant now we view him, he shall fill the eternal throne, gather all the nations to him; every knee shall then bow down: come and worship, come and worship worship Christ, the new-born King.

Welcome:

The Greeting:

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit

be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Collect for Purity:

Presider: Almighty God,

People: to you all hearts are open,

all desires known,

and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you,

and worthily magnify your holy name,

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 Prayer of the Day:

Presider: Let us pray.

Silence is kept

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word.
May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

Prayer for our Young People:

Children leave for Faith Formation. This program is geared towards children ages 4-11.

Presider: May our Lord Jesus bless you as you meet him in the Scriptures.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

We read and respond to God's message in Scripture

First Reading: Isaiah 63:7-9 Reader: Jamie Isbister

Reader: A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us, and the great favour to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and he became their saviour in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Please keep a period of silence for reflection.

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

Psalm 148 Tune: Nettleton (#397)

Please remain seated

Praise the Lord! Praise from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights above! Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts who know His love. Praise Him, sun and moon, and praise Him all you shining stars of light. Praise Him, all you highest heavens, and you waters in the height. Let them praise the Lord Almighty, for He spoke, they came to be; He has set their place forever—everlasting His decree.

Praise the Lord from all the earth, and ocean depths and creatures there;

Lightning, hail, snow, clouds, and winds that do His bidding everywhere.

Let us ever praise the Lord's name; His name exalted high; For His splendor and His glory are above the earth and sky. He has lifted up a horn for His own people all their days; Is-ra-el, His chosen people give the Lord wholehearted praise!

> Second Reading: Hebrews 2:10-18

Reader: Chris Pitts

Reader: A reading from the letter of the Hebrews.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me." Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service

of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Please keep a period of silence for reflection.

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

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 all mankind."

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

Gospeller: The Reverend Deacon Natania Friesen

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

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospeller: Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to

Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more." When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

Please keep a period of silence for reflection.

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 Apostles' Creed:

Please stand as you are able.

Presider: I invite those who would like to make a profession of

Christian faith to join with me in the Apostles' Creed.

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

prayers to God.

The Litany:

Intercessor: The Reverend Deacon Jennifer Cameron

For the Church, those in authority, the world, our community, the sick and those in need, for the departed, and for the forgiveness of our sins. God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose years never fail and whose mercies are new each returning day: let the radiance of your Spirit renew our lives, warming our hearts and giving light to our minds; that we may pass the coming year in joyful obedience and firm faith; through him who is the beginning and the end, your Son, Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

From the rising of the sun to its setting, let us pray to the Lord, saying, **Hear our prayer**.

That the people of God in all the world may worship in spirit and in truth, let us pray to the Lord: **Hear our prayer.**

That the Church may discover again that unity which is the Father's will, let us pray to the Lord: **Hear our prayer.**

That the nations of the earth may seek after the ways that make for peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Hear our prayer.**

That the whole creation, groaning in travail, may be set free to enjoy the glorious liberty of the children of God. We pray especially for those who've asked for our prayers...

let us pray to the Lord: Hear our prayer.

That all who with Christ have entered the shadow of death may rest in peace and rise in glory. We pray in memoriam for... let us pray to the Lord: **Hear our prayer.**

Let us commend the world, to which Christ showed the way, to the mercy and protection of God. **Amen.**

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 offer an exchange of peace with one another as you are comfortable, saying "Peace be with you" or making a sign of peace.

Presider: 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: Good Christians All, Rejoice (153)

Tune: In Dulci Jubilo

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

Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice! Listen now to what we say, Jesus Christ is born today: ox and ass before him bow and he is in the manger now! Christ is born today; Christ is born today.

Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice! Hear the news of endless bliss, Jesus Christ was born for this: he has opened heaven's door and man is blessed for evermore! Christ was born for this; Christ was born for this. Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Now you need not fear the grave;
Jesus Christ was born to save:
come at his most gracious call to find salvation one and all!
Christ was born to save;
Christ was born to save.

Prayer over the Gifts:

Presider: God of light,

in the birth of your Son we see your glory.

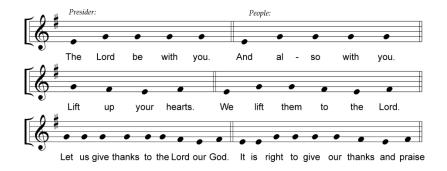
May we who share in this mystery

grow daily in your love.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving:



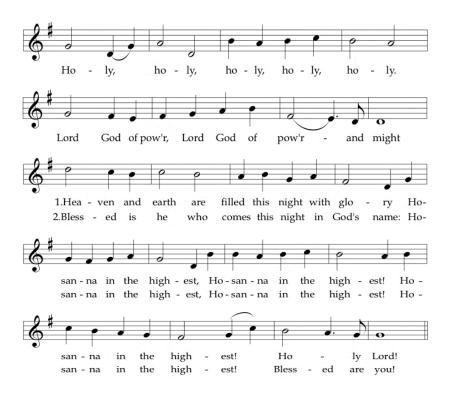
Presider:

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation, and have shown your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of all peoples.

Therefore with angels and archangels we raise our voices in joyful praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus: Adeste Fideles (118)

John Francis Wade (1711-1786)



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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,
All: we remember his death
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

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.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:

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

All: Our Father in heaven.

hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us

from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

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: Happy Are Those (Lamb of God)

Doug Cowling (1950-2017)



Cantor: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us.

People: Happy are those ...

Cantor: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us.

People: Happy are those ...

Cantor: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

Grant us peace. Alleluia! Amen.

People: Happy are those ...

Please be seated.

The Communion:

As we come to communion, we have reintroduced the common cup. No one should feel any pressure to take it; we just ask that as you come up, you either touch the base of the chalice as an act of acknowledgement or simply cross your arms across your chest and the chalice bearer will proclaim the words of acknowledgement. You are all welcome to the Lord's table. Please come knowing it is Christ himself who welcomes you and feeds you here.

Communion Hymn: 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime (146)

Tune: Une Jeune Pucelle

'Twas in the moon of wintertime when all the birds had fled, that God the Lord of all the earth sent angel choirs instead; before their light the stars grew dim, and wand'ring hunters heard the hymn:

Refrain:

Jesus your king is born! Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria!

Within a lodge of broken bark the tender babe was found; a ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapped his beauty round; but as the hunter braves drew nigh, the angel song rang loud and high: [Refrain]

The earliest moon of wintertime is not so round and fair as was the ring of glory on the helpless infant there.

The chiefs from far before him knelt with gifts of fox and beaver pelt. [Refrain]

O children of the forest free, the angel song is true; the holy child of earth and heav'n is born today for you. Come, kneel before the radiant boy, who brings you beauty, peace, and joy. [Refrain]

Prayer after Communion:

Presider: Source of truth and joy,

may we who have received the gift of divine life

always follow the way of your Son.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

THE SENDING OUT

We now go into the world declaring the good news of Jesus Christ

The 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.

Parish Announcements:

The Blessing:

Please stand as you are able.

Presider: God, who has prepared for us a city with eternal

foundations, give you grace to share the inheritance of the saints in glory; and the blessing of God Almighty,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

Closing Hymn: See Amid the Winter's Snow (148)

See amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below, see, the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years!

Refrain:

Hail, thou ever-blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn! Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Lo, within a manger lies he who built the starry skies, who enthroned in height sublime sits amid the cherubim. [Refrain]

Say, ye humble shepherds, say what your joyful news today; wherefore have ye left your sheep on the lonely mountain steep? [Refrain]

"As we watched at dead of night, lo, we saw a wondrous light; angels singing 'Peace on earth' told us of the Saviour's birth." [Refrain]

Sacred infant, all divine, what a mighty love was thine, thus to come from highest bliss down to such a world as this! [Refrain]

The Dismissal:

Deacon: Go forth in the light of Christ!

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude: Fanfare on Hark! The Herald Angels Sing arr. Robert A. Hobby

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of Antonio Tavares by the Tavares Family

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of Colleen Miller, given by her family.

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