



# Christmas Eve

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*We gather today on the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabe Nation. May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.*

7:30 PM, HOLY EUCHARIST,

*Introit: Past Three O'Clock*

TRAD. ENGLAND, ARR C. WOOD

Refrain: Past three o'clock on a cold and frosty morning:  
Past three o'clock; Good morrow, masters all!

Born is a baby, gentle as may be,  
Sons of th'eternal Father Supernal. *Refrain*

Seraph quire singeth, angel bell ringeth:  
Hark how they rime it, time it and chime it. *Refrain*

Mid earth rejoices hearing such voices  
Ne'ertofore so well carolling Nowell. *Refrain*

Hinds o'er the pearly dewy lawn early  
Seek the high stranger laid in a manger. *Refrain*

Thus they; I pray you, up, sirs, nor stay you  
Till he confess him likewise and bless him. *Refrain*

**Opening Hymn 118 O Come, All Ye Faithful vv. 1,3 & 4**

(ADESTE FIDELES)

**Hymn 118 O Come, All Ye Faithful**

ADESTE FIDELES

**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:***

***O come, let us adore him,***

***O come, let us adore him,***

***O come, let us adore him,***

***Christ the Lord.***

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
glory to God, glory in the highest; *Refrain***



See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,  
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;  
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; *Refrain*

## Lighting of the Christ Candle

Reader 1: The waiting is over. The dreaming has given birth to a new reality.

Reader 2: The source of our healing has come near. God's promise has been fulfilled.

Reader 1: The Advent candles are all lit, forming a circle of light that reminds us of God's never-ending love.

Reader 2: Now we light the Christ candle, remembering that Jesus is in our midst, today and always.

*(The Christ Candle is lit)*

**All: Thank you God, for coming to be with us in the form of Jesus. We rejoice that he lived as one of us, knew our joys and sorrows, our pains and hopes and dreams. As he came to show your love to us, help us to show your love to others all the year through. Amen**

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*All stand. The presiding celebrant greets the community*

*Celebrant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God,  
*All* **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.**

## **Glory be to God**

*R. DACEY*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly king,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

*ISAIAH 9:2–7*

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.

The word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 96

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

**Sing to the Lord and bless his name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**

Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples.

**For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods.**

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

**Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! Oh, the power and the splendour of his sanctuary!**

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the Lord honour and power.

**Ascribe to the Lord the honour due his name; bring offerings and come into his courts.**

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.



**Tell it out among the nations: “The Lord is king! he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.”**

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, when he comes to judge the earth.**

He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus

*TITUS 2: 11-14*

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.

The word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

*Reader*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Reader*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

*LUKE 2: 1-20*

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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.

The Gospel of Christ.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Sermon

### **The Nicene Creed**

*The celebrant may invite the people, in these or similar words, to join in the recitation of the creed.*

*Celebrant* 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.





## Prayers of the People

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Father, in this holy night your Son our Saviour  
was born in human flesh.

Renew your Church as the Body of Christ.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

In this holy night there was no room for your Son in the inn.  
Protect with your love those who have no home  
and all who live in poverty.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

In this holy night Mary, in the pain of labour,  
brought your Son to birth.  
Hold in your hand all who are in pain or distress.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

In this holy night your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness.  
Bring comfort to all who suffer in the sadness of our world.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

In this holy night the angels sang, 'Peace to God's people on earth.'  
Strengthen those who work for peace and justice  
in all the world.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

In this holy night shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy.  
Give us grace to preach the gospel of Christ's redemption.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

In this holy night strangers found the Holy Family,  
and saw the baby lying in the manger.  
Bless our homes and all whom we love.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

In 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.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

In this holy night Christians the world over celebrate Christ's birth.



Open our hearts that he may be born in us today.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Father,

in this holy night angels and shepherds worshipped at  
the manger throne.

Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary,

Joseph and the saints

through him who is your Word made flesh,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant* 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.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* 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.**



*All stand, and the presiding celebrant addresses the people.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

The Preparation of the Gifts

### **Offertory Hymn 128 The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy**

*(THE VIRGIN MARY)*

The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,  
the Virgin Mary had a baby boy  
the Virgin Mary had a baby boy,  
and they say that his name was Jesus.

*Refrain*

*He come from the glory,  
he come from the glorious kingdom.  
He come from the glory,  
he come from the glorious kingdom.  
O yes, believer! O yes, believer!  
He come from the glory,  
he come from the glorious kingdom*

The angels sang when the baby was born,  
the angels sang when the baby was born  
the angels sang when the baby was born  
and proclaim him the Saviour Jesus. *Refrain*

The wise men went where the baby was born,  
the wise men went where the baby was born,  
the wise men went where the baby was born  
and they say that his name is Jesus. *Refrain*

The Prayer over the Gifts

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

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* We give you thanks and praise, almighty God  
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,  
our Saviour and Redeemer.  
He is your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit  
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary  
and shared our human nature.  
He lived and died as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will  
he stretched out his hands in suffering,  
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;  
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,  
and to give up his life on the cross,  
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,  
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.  
By his resurrection  
he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**



**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant* Holy and gracious God,  
accept our praise,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;  
who on the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
took bread and gave you thanks,  
saying, "Take, and eat:  
this is my body which is broken for you."  
In the same way he took the cup,  
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.  
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
we offer you this bread and this cup,  
giving thanks that you have made us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit  
upon the offering of your holy Church.  
Gather into one  
all who share in these sacred mysteries,  
filling them with the Holy Spirit  
and confirming their faith in the truth,  
that together we may praise you  
and give you glory  
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,  
Father and Son,  
with the Holy Spirit  
in the holy Church,  
now and for ever. **Amen**

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,**



**thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.

*All* **God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

## **The Communion**

*Anthem: In the Bleak Midwinter*

*H. DARKE*

In the bleak midwinter,  
frosty winds made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron,  
water like a stone.  
Snow had fallen snow on snow  
Snow on snow,  
In the bleak midwinter  
long ago.

Our God, Heav'n cannot hold Him,  
Nor earth sustain  
Heav'n and earth shall flee away,  
When he comes to reign.  
In the bleak midwinter  
A stable place sufficed,  
The Lord God Almighty  
Jesus Christ.



Enough for Him, whom cherubim,  
Worship night and day,  
A breast full of milk,  
And a manger full 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,

## Prayer after Communion

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Father of all, tonight you have united earth and heaven in sending your Son to take our human nature. May we who have tasted heavenly things share in the life of his eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* 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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**



## The Dismissal

*Celebrant* May the Almighty God bless us with His grace, and may the incarnation of Christ fill us with joy in the fellowship of all the saints below and above; and may the angels of the first Christmas be with us now and forever and now may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Then the deacon or the celebrant says,*

*Leader* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Closing Hymn 138 Hark the Herald Angels Sing

(MENDELSSOHN)

**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 the angelic host proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!**

*Refrain:*

*Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King.”*

**Christ, by highest heaven adored;  
Christ the everlasting Lord;  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of a virgin’s womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail, the incarnate deity,  
please as one of us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel! *Refrain***

**Hail, the heaven-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. *Refrain.***

***Refrain:***

***Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King.”***

Postlude

*In dir ist Freude*

J.S. Bach

### The Flowers today are given

To the glory of God and in thanksgiving from  
Bob & Yvonne Temple

To the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Our parents, Jake and Eve Adams, Kathleen and Norman  
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