



# **First Sunday After Christmas**

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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.*

10:00 AM, HOLY EUCHARIST,

*Prelude*

*In Dulci Jubilo*

*D. Buxtehude*

**Opening Hymn 123 Once in Royal David's City**

*(IRBY)*

Once in royal David's city  
stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby  
in a manger for his bed.  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven  
who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable,  
and his cradle was a stall.  
With the poor and mean and lowly  
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

Not in that poor lowly stable,  
with the oxen standing by,  
we shall see him, but in heaven,  
set at God's right hand on high,  
when, like stars, his children crowned  
all in white shall gather round.

**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.  
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.**



## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Book of Samuel

1 SAMUEL 2:18–20, 26

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, “May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord”; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

The word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

**Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host.**

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

**Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord; for he commanded, and they were created.

**He made them stand fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps;

**Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

**Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;**

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

**Young men and maidens, old and young together.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name only is exalted, his splendour is over earth and heaven.



**He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians

*COLOSSIANS 3:12–17*

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. 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 2:41–52*

*People*

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

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the



temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, “Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.” He said to them, “Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

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

### 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 148 See, Amid the Winter's Snow vvs 1, 2 & 5**

*(SEE AMID THE WINTER'S SNOW)*

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



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

Sacred infant, all divine,  
what a mighty love was thine,  
thus to come from highest bliss  
down to such world as this!  
Hail, thou ever blessed morn!  
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!  
Sing through all Jerusalem:  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

### The Prayer over the Gifts

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

*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: Love Came Down*

M. SIRETT

Love came down at Christmas,  
love all lovely, love divine;  
love was born at Christmas -  
star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,  
love incarnate, love divine;  
worship we our Jesus -  
what shall be our sacred sign?

Love shall be our token,  
love be yours and love be mine;  
love to God and neighbour,  
love for prayer and gift and sign.

## Prayer after Communion

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.**

*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 154 Joy to the World

(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 earth! 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.

No more let wrongs and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as our sin is found, far as our sin  
is found, far as, far as our sin is found.



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.

*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  
Jackson, and our beloved daughter Jan from Wes & Pauline  
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