



# **Christmas Day**

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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.*

7:00 PM, HOLY EUCHARIST,

*Prelude*      *Angels We Have Heard on High*      *arr. T. Smith and D Hustad*  
*for piano and organ*

**Opening Hymn 143 Angels from the Realms of Glory**

*(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.

Sages, leave your contemplations; brighter visions be an afar;  
seek the great desire of nations you have seen his natal star:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ the new-born King.

Saint 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.

**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*  
*All*      Almighty God,  
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.

**Act of Praise: Hymn 135 Shepherds in the Field Abiding**

*(IRIS)*

Shepherds in the field abiding,  
tell us, when the seraph bright  
greeted you with wondrous tidings,  
what you saw and heard that night.  
*Gloria in excelsis deo. Gloria in excelsis deo.*

We beheld (it is no fable)  
God incarnate, king of bliss,  
swathed and cradled in a stable,  
and the angel strain was this  
*Gloria in excelsis deo. Gloria in excelsis deo.*

Choristers on high were singing  
Jesus and his virgin birth,  
heavenly bells the while a-ringing  
"Peace, good will to all on earth."  
*Gloria in excelsis deo. Gloria in excelsis deo.*

Thanks, good shepherds, true your story;  
let us go to Bethlehem,  
angels hymn the king of glory;  
carol we with you and them.  
*Gloria in excelsis deo. Gloria in excelsis deo.*

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.



Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored our human nature. May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ, who humbled himself to share our humanity, and now lives 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 52: 7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The word of the Lord.

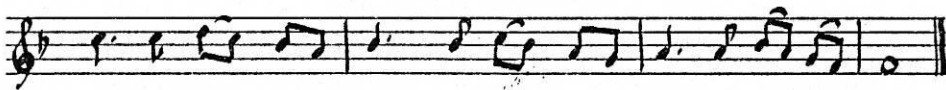
*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 98**

G. BLACK

*Cantor sings refrain. All repeat refrain. Cantor sings verses. All sing refrain after each group of verses.*



All the ends of the earth have seen the sal-va-tion of our God.

Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.  
With his right hand and his holy arm  
has he won for himself the victory.

**All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

The Lord has made known his victory;  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the  
nations.



He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.  
Sing to the Lord with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.

**All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.  
Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,  
the lands and those who dwell therein.

**All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.  
In righteousness shall he judge the world  
and the peoples with equity.

**All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

*HEBREWS 1:1-4*

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs

The word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn 137 What Child is This**

*(GREENSLEEVES)*



What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?  
*This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.*

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear: for sinner here the silent Word is pleading.  
*Refrain*

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come peasant, king to own him.  
The King of king salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.  
*Refrain*

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

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

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
John

*JOHN 1:1-14*

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.



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.

## 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 122 In the Bleak Midwinter

(CRANHAM)

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,  
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
snow had fallen, snow on snow, now on snow,  
in the bleak midwinter, 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 midwinter a stable place sufficed,  
the Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there;  
cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;  
but his mother only in her maiden bliss,  
worshipped the almighty with a kiss.

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.

The Prayer over the Gifts

God of peace, your Son Jesus Christ has reconciled us  
to you. May all we offer you today renew us as  
members of your household. We ask this in his name.

**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* It is right to glorify you, Father,  
and to give you thanks;  
for you alone are God, living and true,  
dwelling in light inaccessible  
from before time and for ever.  
Fountain of life and source of all goodness,  
you made all things  
and fill them with your blessing;  
you created them to rejoice  
in the splendour of your radiance.  
Countless throngs of angels stand before you  
to serve you night and day,  
and, beholding your presence,  
they offer you unceasing praise.  
Joining with them,  
and giving voice to every creature under heaven,  
we acclaim you, and glorify your name,  
as we sing

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

*HYMN 689*

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

*Celebrant* We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power;  
your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love.  
You formed us in your own image,  
giving the whole world into our care,  
so that, in obedience to you, our creator,  
we might rule and serve all your creatures.  
When our disobedience took us far from you,  
you did not abandon us to the power of death.  
In your mercy you came to our help,



so that in seeking you we might find you.  
Again and again  
you called us into covenant with you,  
and through the prophets  
you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much  
that in the fullness of time  
you sent your only Son to be our Saviour.  
Incarnate by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
he lived as one of us, yet without sin.

To the poor  
he proclaimed the good news of salvation;  
to prisoners, freedom;  
to the sorrowful, joy.  
To fulfil your purpose  
he gave himself up to death  
and, rising from the grave, destroyed death  
and made the whole creation new.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves,  
but for him who died and rose for us,  
he sent the Holy Spirit,  
his own first gift for those who believe,  
to complete his work in the world,  
and to bring to fulfilment  
the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified  
by you, his heavenly Father,  
having loved his own who were in the world,  
he loved them to the end:  
at supper with them he 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.”

Father,  
we now celebrate the memorial of our redemption.  
Recalling Christ’s death  
and descent among the dead,  
proclaiming his resurrection  
and ascension to your right hand,  
awaiting his coming in glory;  
and offering to you,  
from the gifts you have given us,  
this bread and this cup,  
we praise you and we bless you

*All*      **We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*Celebrant*      Father,  
we pray that in your goodness and mercy  
your Holy Spirit may descend upon us,  
and upon these gifts,  
sanctifying them and showing them  
to be holy gifts for your holy people,  
the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Grant that all who share this bread and this cup  
may become one body and one spirit,  
a living sacrifice in Christ  
to the praise of your name.



Remember, Lord,  
your one holy catholic and apostolic Church,  
redeemed by the blood of your Christ.  
Reveal its unity, guard its faith,  
and preserve it in peace.

[Remember ( . . . and) all who minister  
in your Church.]

[Remember all your people,  
and those who seek your truth.]

[Remember . . . ]

[Remember all who have died  
in the peace of Christ,  
and those whose faith is known to you alone;  
bring them into the place  
of eternal joy and light.]

And grant that we may find our inheritance  
with [the blessed Virgin Mary,  
with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs,  
(with . . . ) and] all the saints  
who have found favour with you in ages past.  
We praise you in union with them  
and give you glory  
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
all honour and glory are yours,  
almighty God and Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
for ever and 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**

*Lamb of God*

FLEMING

*Communion Hymn 125 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

(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, nowells 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 a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises singing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the babe was born for you, Christ the babe was born for you!

*Anthem: There were Angels Hov'ring Round*

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## **Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Father of all, the child born for us is the Saviour of the world. May he who made us your children welcome us into your kingdom, where he is alive and reigns with you now and for ever. **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 joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas; and 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 153 Good Christians All, Rejoice**            *(IN DULCI JUBILO)*

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 his 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 is born for this;  
he has opened heaven's door and we are blessed for evermore!  
Christ is born for this; Christ is 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.

*Postlude*

*In Dulci Jubilo*

*J.S. Bach*



Flowers in the church at Christmas are given  
To the Glory of God in loving memory of:

Our parents, Jake and Eve Adams, Kathleen and Norman Jackson, and our beloved daughter Jan from Wes & Pauline Adams and family.

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Bruce Lodge from Margaret Lodge

Brian Morphew and friends by Jenny and family

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