



the Church
of St Peter and
St Simon-the-Apostle

First Sunday after Christmas
St. John the Evangelist
December 27, 2020

Welcome to the Church of St Peter and St Simon the Apostle.

Celebrant: The Reverend Michael Perry
Preacher: The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine
Organist: Johan van 't Hof / Jerod Bertram

Mass Setting: *Mass of the Quiet Hour* – George Oldroyd

Kyrie & Agnus Dei

The service begins on page 185 of the *Book of Alternative Services*.



This service is being live-streamed for those worshipping from home.

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude *In Dulci Jubilo, BuxW 197*

DIETRICH BUXTEHUDE

The Greeting

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

All **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.**

Kyrie

GEORGE OLDROYD

Choir *Kyrie eleison*
Christe eleison
Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant 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

First Lesson *Isaiah 61.10-62.3*

Read by Alison Jane

Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148 *Laudate Dominum. Said responsively.*

1 O PRAISE the Lord from the heavens: *
praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all ye angels of his: *
praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon: *
praise him, all ye stars of light

4 Praise him, all ye heavens, *
and ye waters that are above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord; *
for he commanded and they were created.

6 He hath made them fast for ever and ever: *
he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, *
ye dragons and all deeps;

**8 Fire and hail, snow and vapour, *
wind and storm, fulfilling his word;**

9 Mountains and all hills; *
fruitful trees and all cedars;

**10 Beasts and all cattle; *
creeping things and feathered fowls;**

11 Kings of the earth, and all peoples; *
princes and all judges of the world;

**12 Young men and maidens together; *
old men and children;**

13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord; *
for his Name only is excellent, and his glory above heaven and earth.

**14 He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him: *
even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.**

Second Lesson *Galatians 4.4-7*

Read by Alison Jane

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians.

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 137 What child Is This (Vs 1-2)

GREENSLEEVES

Cantor *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?

Refrain:

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 Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. Refrain

The Holy Gospel *Luke 2.22-40*

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Jesus' parents brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gradual Hymn 137 What child Is This (Vs. 3)

GREENSLEEVES

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

*This, this is Christ, the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
 Haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.*

Homily The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Anthem *The Shepherds (from Trois Chants de Noel)*

FRANK MARTIN

Katherine Jones Soprano

Nancy Nource Flute

Robin Davis Organ

*Il n'était pas encor minuit
 Que la nouvelle étoile a lui
 Pour éclairer la terre;*

*It was not yet midnight
 That the new star has him
 To light up the earth;*

*Puis soudain le ciel s'entrouvrit,
 Et vêtus de lumière,
 On pouvait voir en Paradis
 Tous les anges réunis
 En prière.
 Par les déserts, marchant pieds nus,
 Tous les bergers étaient venus
 Jusqu'à la pauvre hutte.
 Ils amusaient l'Enfant Jésus
 Avec des airs de flûte.*

*Then suddenly the sky opened up,
 And dressed in light,
 You could see in paradise
 All the angels together
 In prayer.
 Through the deserts, walking barefoot,
 All the shepherds had come
 Until the poor hut.
 They amused the Child Jesus
 With flute airs.*

*Les anges chantaient: Gloria!
 Et les pâtres: Hosanna!
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

*The angels sang: Gloria!
 And the shepherds: Hosanna!
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Nicene Creed *Please stand.*

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.

All Amen.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn 139 *The First Nowell*

THE FIRST NOWELL

*Choir The first nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Refrain:
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell, born is the King of Israel.*

*They looked up and saw a star,
shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. Refrain*

*And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went. Refrain*

*This star drew nigh to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay. Refrain*

*Then entered in those wise men three,
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there, in his presence,
their gold and myrrh and frankincense. Refrain*

*Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
Who has made heaven and earth of nought,
And with his blood salvation bought. Refrain*

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant 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.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh, and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world, that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn 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 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,
await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant 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.**

Lord’s Prayer – *said together*

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 them that 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 God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the lamb.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei – Mass of the Quiet Hour

GEORGE OLDROYD

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.*

Holy Communion

- *Holy Communion will be served in one kind only (bread).*
- *Please proceed to the standing Communion station at the chancel steps following the direction of the sides-people.*
- *Proceed up the centre aisle. Receive the wafer in your hands.*
- *Step to the floor marking on the pulpit or lectern side.*
- *Remove your mask and consume the wafer.*
- *Replace your mask and return to your pew from the side aisle.*
- *If you prefer a blessing, please indicate this to the priest. It will be given from a distance.*

Communion Hymn 151 All Poor Folk and Humble

OLWEN

*Cantor All poor folk and humble, all lame folk who stumble
 come haste ye, and be not afraid;
 for Jesus, our treasure, whose love passes measure,
 in lowly poor manger was laid.
 Though wise men who found him laid rich gifts around him,
 yet oxen they gave him their hay;
 and Jesus in beauty accepted their duty;
 contented in manger he lay.*

Refrain:

*Then haste we to show him the praises we owe him;
 our service he ne'er can despise,
 whose love still is able to show us that stable
 where softly in manger he lies.*

*The Christ child will lead us, the good Shepherd feed us,
 and with us abide till his day.
 Then hatred he'll banish, then sorrow will vanish,
 and death and despair flee away.*

*And he shall reign ever, and nothing will sever
from us the great love of our King.
His peace and his pity shall bless his fair city;
his praises we ever shall sing. Refrain*

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant 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.**

Blessing & Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Fantasia on In Dulci Jubilo, BWV 729*

J.S. BACH

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church School: For the time being, Sileen Phillips will be leading Church School on-line on Sundays at 10.30 am. At this time, children under the age of 10 are asked to sit with their parents in Church.

Flower Donations: If you would like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one, there are openings in January, 2021 on January 10, 17, 24 and 31. Please let the office know.

In our Prayers this Week

The Anglican Communion Pray for Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement, His Holiness Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome, His All Holiness Archbishop Bartholomew of Constantinople, New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch The General Secretary of the World Council of Churches Bishop Ivan M Abrahams, General Secretary World Methodist Council The Reverend Chris Ferguson, General Secretary of the World Communion of Reformed Churches.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer The Members of the Order of the Diocese of Toronto.

Outreach & Advocacy Cycle of Prayer *Pray for* Christ Church, Brampton, its support of local outreach ministries, including Regeneration, Knights' Table, Coldest Night of the Year, and the Ste. Louise Outreach Centre;

for Christ Church, Deer Park, its support of the Churches-on-the-Hill Food Bank, its refugee sponsorships, Saturday morning breakfast program, Let Your Lights Shine outreach donation program, and the Deer Park Skills Institute in Uganda;

and for Christ Church, Holland Landing, its community lunch, Christmas meal at the local seniors' centre, support of the Helping Hand food bank, Inn From the Cold, meal and snack programs at local schools, Crosslinks, Women's Shelter of York Region, and other local agencies.

Parish Cycle Helen Inglis, Alexander Innes, Gerald Jackson, Malcolm Jackson & Mary Martin.

Home Bound Parishioners Byron Armstrong, Gail Birnie, Nancy Byers, Cintra Cassidy, Jim Colling, Ann Duff, Charlotte Graham, Lorraine Griffith, George Petricko, Lucy Simons, Lila Vamosi, Pam Young.



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