



## CHRISTMAS EVE - DECEMBER 24, 2024

### FESTAL EUCHARIST AT 10.00 PM

*“The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us,  
and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,  
full of grace and truth.” St. John 1.14.*

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<i>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</i>	The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine
<i>Assisting</i>	The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess The Reverend Abraham Thomas
<i>Servers</i>	Gary Toneguzzo, Celine Wong, Cynthia Wong, Vincent Wong
<i>Communion Ministers</i>	Fen Nanton, Ted Robinson
<i>Director of Music</i>	Robin Davis
<i>Mass Setting</i>	<i>Missa ad Praesepe (Mass at the Crib)</i> - George Malcolm

### † Entrance Procession and Blessing of the Crib †

#### Preludes

Selection of Carols - Mekhriban Mamedova (piano)  
*O Holy Night*, Julia MacVicar (solo)

ADOLPH ADAM

#### The Greeting *Please stand*

*Celebrant* Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given;  
*All* **And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor  
the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.**

*Leader* Let us go forth in peace Alleluia!  
*All* **In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia!**

#### Processional 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;  
*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

God of God, Light of Light,  
lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;  
very God, begotten not created: *Refrain*

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

### **The Blessing of the Christmas Crib**

*Celebrant* The word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

*All* **And we beheld his glory.**

*Celebrant* Lord of hosts, sanctify and bless this manger; grant that all who look upon it may be reminded of the humble birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and be blessed evermore by him who is God with us and the Saviour of all: who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Hymn 118**

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*

Yea, Lord, we greet that, born this happy morning;  
Jesu, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; *Refrain*

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

*All* **unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

*All* **Lord have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

*Choir* Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.  
*Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us.*  
*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

### **The Collect**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, who hast given us thy only begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin: Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## † **The Proclamation of the Word** †

**First Lesson** Isaiah 9:2-7

Read by Paul Faulkner

*Reader* A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

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.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 96



- Cantor* O sing unto the Lord a new **song**; /  
sing unto the Lord, **all** the whole earth.
- All* Sing unto the Lord, and praise his **Name**; /  
be telling of his salva-**tion** from day to day.
- Cantor* Declare his honour among the **na**-tions, /  
and his wonders a-**mong** all peo-ples.
- All* For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be **prais**-ed; /  
he is more to be fear-**ed** than all gods.
- Cantor* As for all the gods of the peoples, they are but **i**-dols; /  
but it is the Lord that **made** the heavens.
- All* Honour and majesty are be-**fore** him: /  
strength and beauty are in his **sanc**-tu-ar-y.
- Cantor* Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the **peo**-ples, /  
ascribe unto the Lord **glo**-ry and power.
- All* Give unto the Lord the honour due unto his **Name**; /  
bring presents and come **in**-to his courts.
- Cantor* O Worship the Lord in the beauty of **ho**-li-ness; /  
let the whole earth **stand** in awe of him.
- All* Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is **King**; /  
he hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved;  
he shall judge the **peo**-ples righ-teous-ly.
- Cantor* Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be **glad**; /  
let the sea make a noise, and all **that** is there-in.
- All* Let the field be joyful, and all that is **in** it; /  
then shall all the trees of the wood re-**joice** be-fore the Lord;
- Cantor* For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the **earth**, /  
*All* and with righteousness to judge the world, and the **peo**-ples with his truth.

**Epistle Titus 2:11-14**

Read by Marc Coté

*Reader* A reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus.

For 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.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 121** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

FOREST GREEN

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.  
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.

**The Holy Gospel** Luke 2:1-20

*Please remain standing. All turn to face the Gospel as it is read in the centre aisle.*

*Gospeller* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And with thy spirit.**

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

*All* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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.

*Gospeller* The Gospel of Christ.

*All* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**Hymn** O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in be born to us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

**Homily** *Please be seated*

**Nicene Creed** *Please stand.*

*Celebrant* I believe in one God,

*All* **the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the**

**prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

Led by Reginald Khokher

*Please kneel, sit or stand as comfortable.*

**Confession and Absolution**

*The Celebrant invites the congregation to join in the General Confession  
Silence is kept. Please kneel or be seated.*

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

*All* **Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things and judge of all people:  
we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness,  
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty.  
We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings.  
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee  
in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The absolution is pronounced.*

**The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* **And with thy spirit.**

**† Celebration of the Eucharist †**

**Hymn 132** *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Of the Father's Love begotten ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,  
of the things that are and have been, and that future years shall see,  
evermore and evermore.

At his Word the worlds were framed. He commanded, it was done:  
heaven and earth and depths of ocean in their threefold order one;  
all that grows beneath the shining of the moon and burning sun,  
evermore and evermore.

O that birth for ever blessed, when the virgin, full of grace,  
by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bare the Saviour of our race,  
and the babe, the world's redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,  
evermore and evermore.

This is he whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord,  
whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word;  
now he shines, the long expected; let creation praise its Lord,  
evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heaven, adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing;  
all dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and king;  
let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring,  
evermore and evermore.

Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be,  
honour, glory, and dominion and eternal victory,  
evermore and evermore.

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

*Celebrant* 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.

*All* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*All* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Celebrant* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times,  
and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting  
God, creator and preserver of all things. Because thou didst give Jesus Christ thine  
only Son to be born as at this time for us; who, by the operation of the Holy Spirit,  
was made very man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; and that  
without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin. Therefore with angels and  
archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious  
name; evermore praising thee and saying:



*Choir* Sanctus, Dominus, Deus Sabaoth: pleni sunt caeli et terra, gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. All kneel or be seated.*

*Celebrant* Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again. Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all, of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy bread of eternal life and the cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded: **All We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

*Celebrant* And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; and we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.  
**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.**

**Breaking of Bread**

*Celebrant* Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:

**All Hosanna in the highest.**

*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.**

**Agnus Dei – Please sit or kneel.**

*Choir* Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi; dona nobis pacem.

*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 is administered at the High Altar and a standing station at the St. Peter Altar in the south aisle. If you do not wish to receive communion. You may come forward for a blessing. Fold your hands over your chest to indicate this to the administering priest. Please follow the directions of the sides-people.
- You may choose to receive the bread only where the fullness of the sacrament is present. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, simply receive the bread and return to your seat. You may also touch the base of the chalice while the words of administration are said.
- Intinction (dipping the bread into the chalice of wine) is not permitted in the Anglican Diocese of Toronto.

**Hymn 135** *Shepherds in the Field Abiding*

IRIS

**Hymn 126** *Away in a Manger*

CRADLE SONG

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus! look down from on high, and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.  
Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

**Motet** *Love Came Down at Christmas*

JOHN RUTTER

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, but wherewith for sacred sign?  
Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine;  
love to God and others, love for plea and gift and sign.

Text: Christina Rossetti, 1885

**Thanksgiving after Communion** *Please stand*

*Celebrant* Father of all, tonight heaven and earth are united in sending thy 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.**

*Candles are lit and held until after the Gospel of Incarnation.*

**Hymn** *Silent Night (please remain seated)*

STILLE NACHT #119

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
'round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy infant so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.  
Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing "alleluia! Christ the Saviour, is born! Christ the Saviour, is born!"  
Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light,  
radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth! Jesus, Lord, at thy birth!

**Doxology**

*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

**Gospel of the Incarnation** St John 1.1-14 *Please stand*

## Dismissal

*Leader* Followers of Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit,  
serve the world God loves. Alleluia!

*All* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!** *Candles are extinguished.*

**Hymn 138** *Hark the Herald Angels*

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,  
pleased 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*

**Postlude** *Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland*

BWV 599 J.S. BACH



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SUNG EUCHARIST AT 10.30 AM

**CHRISTMAS I – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>**

9.00 AM - HOLY EUCHARIST/10.30 AM – SUNG EUCHARIST

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