



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

Christmas Day

December 25, 2024

Merry Christmas

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

Sung Eucharist at 10.30 am.

Celebrant	The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess
Preacher	The Reverend Abraham Thomas
Assisting	The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine
Music Director	Robin Davis
Communion Ministers	Fen Nanton, Peggy Needham
Servers	Fen Nanton, Gary Toneguzzo
Music of the Mass	<i>Deutsche Mass</i> , F. Schubert

The flowers at the altar are given to the honour and glory of Almighty God and in thanksgiving for the ministry of the wardens, choir and clergy and the many who serve at St. Peter and St. Simon's and San Lorenzo Ruiz.

† **The Gathering of the Community** †

Prelude

Hymn 118 *O Come all ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

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.**

The Christmas Anthems

Tone VII-5



- Cantor:* BEHOLD a virgin shall con-**ceive** and bear a son, / and shall call his **name** Emmänuel. *Isaiah 7. 14.*
- All* Unto **us** a child is born, / unto us a **son** is given. *Isaiah 9. 6.*
- Cantor* In this was manifested the love of **God** to-ward us, / because that God sent his only-begotten Son into the world that **we** might live through him. *1 St John 4. 9.*
- All* Blessed be the God and Father of our **Lord** Jesus Christ, / who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly **plac**es in Christ. *Ephesians 1. 3.*
- Cantor* **GLORY** be to the **Fa**-ther, and to the Son, / and **to** the Höly Ghost;
- All* As it was in the beginning, is now, and **ev**-er shall be, / world with-**out** end. Ämen.
- 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 to God

D. HURD

- Celebrant* 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.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant 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.**

Please be seated.

† The Proclamation of the Word †

First Lesson Isaiah 52:7-10

Reader: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Read by Mekhriban Mamedova

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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98 Please join the Cantor singing the refrain. Remain seated.

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



Sing to the Lord | a new song,
For he has done mar | vellous things:
With his own right hand and with his | holy arm,
He has brought de | liverance. **Refrain**

The Lord has made known his | righteous love,
In the sight of | all the nations,
And his faithful | ness and truth
Toward the house of | Is-ra-el. **Refrain**

All the ends of the | earth have seen,
The salvation | of our God:
Let all the world be | glad in him,
Sing, rejoice and | give him thanks. **Refrain**

Let music sound up | on the harp,
Let psalms be offered | to his praise:
With trumpets and with | songs of joy
Shout the praise of | God our King. **Refrain**

Reader: A reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews.

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. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end."

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 150 *Unto Us a Boy is Born*

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR
Common Praise 1938 #738

Unto us a boy is born! King of all creation,
Came he to a world forlorn, The Lord of every nation,
the Lord of every nation.

Cradled in a stall was he with sleepy cows and asses;
But the very beasts could see that he all men surpasses,
that he all men surpasses.

Herod then with fear was filled: "A prince," he said, "in Jewry!"
All the little boys he killed at Beth'lem in his fury,
at Beth'lem in his fury.

Now may Mary's son, who came so long ago to love us,
Lead us all with hearts aflame unto the joys above us,
unto the joys above us.

He the Source and he the End! Let the organ thunder,
while our happy voices rend the jocund air asunder!
The jocund air asunder!

The Holy Gospel St John 1.1-14 *Please remain standing.*

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

All **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.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily

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 *Please kneel, sit or stand as comfortable.*

Led by Ian Corlett

The intentions are offered. The litany follows.

Leader In joy and humility let us pray to the creator of the universe, saying,
“Lord, grant us peace.”

Leader By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel, hear us, O Lord.
Lord, grant us peace.

Leader By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O Lord.
Lord, grant us peace.

Leader By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, hear us, O Lord.
Lord, grant us peace.

Leader By the manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us, O Lord.
Lord, grant us peace.

Leader By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth,
hear us, O Lord.
Lord, grant us peace.

Leader By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O Lord.
Lord, grant us peace.

Leader Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord and
Saviour Jesus Christ; hear us, O Lord.
Lord, grant us peace.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
welcoming sinners and inviting us to this table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept. You are invited to kneel.

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.**

The absolution is pronounced.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

† Celebration of the Eucharist †

Hymn at the Offertory *Christians, Awake*

YORKSHIRE - CP #253

1. Christians, awake, salute the happy morn,
Whereon the Saviour of the world was born;
Rise to adore the mystery of love,
Which hosts of angels chanted from above;
With them the joyful tidings first begun
Of God incarnate and the virgin's Son.
2. Then to the watchful shepherds it was told,
Who heard th' angelic herald's voice, "Behold,
I bring good tidings of a Saviour's birth
To you and all the nations of the earth;
This day hath God fulfilled His promised Word;
This day is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord."

3. To Bethlehem straight the enlightened shepherds ran,
To see the wonder God had wrought for man,
And found, with Joseph and the blessed Maid,
Her Son, the Saviour, in a manger laid:
Then to their flocks, still praising God return,
and their glad hearts with holy rapture burn.
4. O may we keep and ponder in our mind,
God's wondrous love in saving lost mankind.
Trace we the babe who has redeemed our loss,
From his poor manger to his bitter cross;
Tread in his steps, assisted by his grace,
Till our first heavenly state again takes place.
5. Then may we hope, th' angelic hosts among,
To sing, redeemed, a glad triumphal song;
He that was born upon this joyful day
Around us all His glory shall display;
Saved by His love, incessant we shall sing
Eternal praise to heav'n's almighty King.

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant 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.**

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 Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the mystery of his incarnation was made perfect man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; in him we have seen a new and radiant vision of your glory. Therefore with all the angels of heaven, we lift our voices and sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

All **Holy, holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.** (CP 735)

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,
we await his coming in glory;**

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 forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer – *Said by all.*

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 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.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei (*CP 747*) *Jesus Lamb of God*

All **Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer, Redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

† **Holy Communion** †

- Holy Communion will be administered at both the High Altar and at the St Peter's Altar (standing). If you are communicating at the High Altar, please return to your pew through the side Sacristy door.
- Communion is administered in both kinds, bread and wine. Please do not intinct (dip the wafer in the wine). The fullness of the sacrament is present in the bread only. If you are not receiving the chalice, you may touch the base while the words of administration are spoken.
- If you would like only a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this to the priest.

During Communion

Hymn 137 *What Child is This?*

GREENSLEEVES

Thanksgiving after Communion

Celebrant 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.**

Doxology and Blessing

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.**

Hymn 143 *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

REGENT SQUARE

Leader Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude



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Church Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9:30 am to 5:30 pm.

SERVICES

Sundays

9.00am

Weekly Holy Eucharist (BCP) - In the Chapel of Holy Spirit)

10.30 am

1st and 3rd Sundays Choral Eucharist – Traditional BCP Rite

2nd Sunday

Choral Matins (unless announced)

4th Sunday

Choral Eucharist – Contemporary BAS Rite

5th Sunday & Evensong

As Announced

Wednesdays

11.00 am

Weekly Eucharist – Contemporary BAS Rite

We acknowledge that in gathering to worship Almighty God, we are in the traditional territory of many First Nations peoples including the Mississaugas of the New Credit, the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunees, and the Huron-Wendat.

"The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is, the world and all who dwell therein."

Psalm 24.1.

