



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

## Sunday after Christmas

December 29, 2024

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

*We wish you comfort, joy and blessing in this Christmas season  
and a Happy New Year.*

### **Holy Eucharist at 9.00 am.**

The service is taken from the *Book of Common Prayer*, beginning on page 67.

Celebrant & Preacher    The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess  
Collect – BCP page 113

### **Sung Eucharist at 10.30 am.**

Celebrant	The Reverend Abraham Thomas
Preacher	The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess
Assisting	The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine
Organist	Alison Jane
Communion Ministers	Paul Mitchell, Gary Toneguzzo
Servers	Fen Nanton, Ferdinand Galigan, Celine Wong, Vincent Wong
Music of the Mass	<i>A New Plainsong</i> , David Hurd – CP 686, 689 & 690

### **† The Gathering of the Community †**

**Prelude** *Prelude on Away in a Manger*

DEREK HOLMAN

**Hymn 155** *From East to West, from Shore to Shore*

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

### **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  
Emmanuel. *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 places in Christ. *Ephesians 1. 3.*

*Cantor* GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost;

*All* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. Amen.

## Collect for Purity

*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.

## Gloria

*Celebrant* Glory to God in the highest,

D. HURD

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 have shed upon us the 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 forever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## † The Proclamation of the Word †

**First Lesson** 1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26

*Reader:* A reading from the Book of Samuel.

Read by Isabelle Robinson

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.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 148** *Said responsively*

**<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; \* praise him in the heights.**

<sup>2</sup>Praise him, all you angels of his; \* praise him, all his host.

**<sup>3</sup>Praise him, sun and moon; \* praise him, all you shining stars.**

<sup>4</sup>Praise him, heaven of heavens, \* and you waters above the heavens.

**<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the Name of the Lord; \* for he commanded, and they were created.**

<sup>6</sup>He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*

he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

**<sup>7</sup>Praise the Lord from the earth, \* you sea-monsters and all deeps;**

<sup>8</sup>Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*tempestuous wind, doing his will;

**<sup>9</sup>Mountains and all hills, \* fruit trees and all cedars;**

<sup>10</sup>Wild beasts and all cattle, \* creeping things and wingèd birds;

**<sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth and all peoples, \* princes and all rulers of the world;**

<sup>12</sup>Young men and maidens, \* old and young together.

**<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the Name of the Lord, \***

**for his Name only is exalted, his splendour is over earth and heaven.**

**<sup>14</sup>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!**

**Epistle** Colossians 3.12-17

Read by Ted Robinson

*Reader:* A reading from the Epistle of St Paul to the Colossians.

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.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

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

**Gradual Hymn 146** *'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime*

UNE JEUNE PUCELLE

**The Holy Gospel** St Luke 2.41-52 *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. Luke.

*All* **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.

*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

Led by Glenna Sims-Bonk

*Please kneel, sit or stand as comfortable.*

*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 151** *All Poor Folk and Humble*

OLWEN

## 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.**

## 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.**

**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**

*All*     **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin 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.
- Anointing for healing will take place in the north and south aisles of the nave.

**During Communion: Hymn 122** *In the Bleak Midwinter*

CRANHAM

**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**

*Celebrant* Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life  
always follow in the way of your Son. This we ask in his name. **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 141** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

NOEL

### **Dismissal**

*Leader* Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

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

**Postlude** *Noël No. XII ("Suisse")*  
Nancy Nourse – Flute

LOUIS CLAUDE DAQUIN

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

*Anglican Communion:* The Episcopal Church.

*Diocese:* The Staff of the Synod Office.

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

*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.

**This Week at SPSS...**

**Wednesday, January 1, 2025 – *Octave Day of Christmas/New Years Day***

There will not be a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at SPSS.

The annual Bishop's New Year Levee is taking place at St James' Cathedral.

12.15 pm – Holy Eucharist (said)

1.30 pm – 2.45 pm – Receiving Line with the ringing of the Bells of Old York.

2.45 pm – Festive Music

3.30 pm - Choral Evensong with the Presentation of the Order of the Diocese of Toronto.

*Evensong will be live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel.*

**Sunday, January 5 – *The Feast of the Epiphany***

9.00 am Holy Eucharist – in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit

10.30 am – Choral Eucharist – Traditional Rite

**Wednesday, January 8, 2025 – *Wednesday in the Epiphany Octave***

11.00 am - Holy Eucharist at SPSS with lunch to follow.



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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

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays Choral Eucharist – Traditional BCP Rite

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

Choral Matins (unless announced)

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

Choral Eucharist – Contemporary BAS Rite

5<sup>th</sup> 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.*

