

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa • Anglican Church of Canada



CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2019

SUNG EUCHARIST ~ 7pm

Merry Christmas! Welcome to St. John the Evangelist.

If you are unable to come forward to receive Communion, arrangements can be made for you receive Communion in your pew; simply speak with a Sidesperson at the entrance to the church. Please turn off cell phones or set them to vibrate/silent mode. Thank you.

SUNG EUCHARIST ~ 7 pm

Introit *It's Christmas*

Hymn ***O Come All Ye Faithful***

**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;
*Refrain: 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***

**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***

THE GATHERING OF 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.

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.**

Gloria

Tune: Darwall

**Glory to God on high, and peace to all on earth.
We worship you, we give you thanks, our heavenly King.
We give you praise, almighty God and Father blessed in glory bright.**

**Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
the sacrificial Lamb, who saves the world from sin,
have mercy Lord. Beside the Father's hand enthroned,
now hear our prayer.**

**You only are the Lord. You only are most high.
You only are the holy one, Lord Jesus Christ.
And now you reign with Father and with Spirit one in glorious light.**

Collect of the Day

O God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem, may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

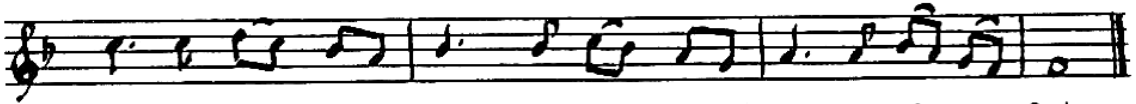
The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their 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 onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader The Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 97

by George Black

The cantor sings the refrain. All repeat it. The cantor sings the verses. All repeat the refrain where indicated.



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

*The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad. Clouds and darkness are round about him, righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne. **R.** A fire goes before him and burns up his enemies on every side. His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees it and is afraid. **R.** The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory. **R.** Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! Bow down before him, all you gods. Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgements, O Lord. **R.** For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods. The Lord loves those who hate evil; he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked. **R.** Light has sprung up for the righteous, and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted. Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name. **R.***

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

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.

Gradual Hymn

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

**It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, to all goodwill from heav'n's most gracious king!"
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.**

**Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.**

**Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled two thousand years of wrong;
And we amid our wars hear not the words of peace they bring;
O listen now, and still your strife to hear the angels sing.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1-14

Gospeller: *The Lord be with you*

All: *And also with you.*

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

All: *Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ*

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!'

Gospeller: *The Gospel of Christ.*

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

Gradual hymn

**And you, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow;
Look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing.**

**For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold:
When the new heaven and earth shall own
the Prince of Peace their King,
And the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.**

Sermon

Anthem

Medley –The Angel Gabriel/Angels from the Realms

Nicene Creed

Celebrant

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed

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.

Intercessions (*kneel or sit*)

Please respond to each petition with "*Hear our prayer.*"

The Peace

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Hymn

Joy to the World

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and heaven and nature sing.
Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns:
let us glad songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let wrongs and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as our sin is found, far as our sin is found,
far as, far as our sin is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the gifts

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...
...Now, with angels and archangels and all the company of
heaven, we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All (sung) 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. 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...

...Therefore, Father, according to his command,
All (sung) *we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we 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...

...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. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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, forever 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 are for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God.

Communion

Everyone who has been baptized is welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please make your way to the foot of the chancel steps to receive the bread and then move to one of the available chalice bearers to receive the wine. Please do not dip the bread in the cup. In the Anglican tradition, receiving in one kind (either bread or wine) is considered to be complete Communion. *The Communion wafers include gluten. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest when you come forward.*

Communion Hymns

Blue hymn book #127 O Come, Little Children
Red song book #38 Do You Hear what I Hear?
Red song book #155 The Little Drummer Boy
Blue hymn book #120 O Little Town of Bethlehem
Blue hymn book #123 Once in Royal David's City

Hymn after Communion *Silent Night*

**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.**

Prayer after Communion (*please stand*)

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, forever and
ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Hymn *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

**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.***

Dismissal

Postlude

Presiding Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Canon Catherine Ascah
Readers: Cindy Penman; Chris Cutler
Intercessions: Dawn Dunlop
Communion Assistants: Karen Bryan; Chris Elmsley; Pat Lee; Kathy Porter
Servers: Rob MacLaren; Josh MacLaren
Sidespeople: Marilyn Lucas; Linda MacLaren; Marlene McLean

Christmas Day Wed Dec 25 10 am Holy Eucharist
Sat Dec 28 5pm Holy Eucharist;
Sun Dec 29 8am Holy Eucharist; 10am Sung Eucharist
New Year's Eve Dec 31 5pm Messy Church & Family-friendly New Year's party
(We ring in the new year at 8pm!)
Naming of Jesus Jan 1 10am Holy Eucharist

*Please note: The Church Office will be closed Dec 25-26 and Jan 1.
The church will be open for the Christmas Day and New Year's Day liturgies.*

**The flowers in the church this Christmastide are given
to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for:**

Bud & Lois Arkell, Anne & Tracy
Audrey & Harwood Bennett; Lois Evans
Art & Edith Best
Muriel & Norman Burke
Arnold Fleming
Dorothy & Elmer Paul; John Paul
Delbert & Edith Burns & son Albert
Chip & Wilma Burrows (Lee); Bill Lee
Patricia (Rowsome) Hambleton
Marion Burrows, Ivan & Vivian Burrows
Andrew, James &
Catherine (MacDonald) Burrows
Sherrie Walker; Sarah McHone
John & Doreen Cassell,
Ernest & Lyla Dowdall
Don Delisle; Doreen Hare
John & Lillian Clark; Leonard & Irene Clark
Charles & Mildred Hitching
Thomas Henry Clark; Sarah Clark
Madge Clark; Thomas Clark
Jim Wilkinson, Alice & Will Hitching
Frank & Marion Harrison
Ardele McIntyre, Rose Menzies
Betty Anne Orr, Norman Tomkinson
Teddy, Roddy & Donnie Rabb
Dorothy & Winston Churchill
The Rev'd Gerald Churchill; Evelyn Gauthier
Linda Code
Fred, Richard, Berniece, Gail, &
Tracie Lynn Dunlay; Arthur, Nora, Gary
Coleman; Lionel Saunders
Charles Evoy; Roy & Lois MacLaren
Eva & Sidney Hagan
Annette & Willis Hagan
Stella & Vincent McGlynn
John Conor McCabe
George & Doris Ferguson
Wayne Henwood; Diane Buckley
Raymond, Mary & Harold Harper & family;
Eva, John, Marion Craig & Family
Nancy & Wayne Jackson
Carrie, Charles, David, Lyle & Christine
Haskins
Fred & Maude Hewitt; Ormond & Carrie Bass
Elton Hewitt; Philip Hewitt; Ross Troop
The Rev'd Albert Hoppins
Eldon, Jessie, Bob, Dorothy, Stan, Larry &
Joyce Minshull; Randy & Daniel DeGrace
Roy & Edith James; Bill & Alice Hamilton
Norm & Joyce Knapp
Murray & Ida Thomspen
George & Joan Doull; Frank & Jean Wall
Paul & Beatrice Loomis
Grace Kelso; Wilhelmine Hill; Luella Randall;
Harold & Sarah Millar
Dave & Edna Good
Leslie & Kathleen Lewis
David Hall; Leo Donovan; Pat Wiseman
Robert Moir; Kenneth Moir
The Rev'd Doug Norman
Clifford Orr
Norm Porter; Earl, Florence, Joan Porter
Bill & Keitha Porter; Boyd Thompson
Eileen Thompson; Mabel Porter
Art Powers
George Kelly; Clarence Kerfoot; Ken Brown
Harry & Florence Cross &
sons Lloyd, John, Glenn & Larry
Charles & Esther Roberts
Jim & Sadie Roberts; Roy Roberts
Tom Roberts; Allan & Marion; Geoff; Barry
Wilhelmina & Lawrence Spencer
Connie & Audrey Stewart
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Weekly Liturgies

Wednesday 10am – Holy Eucharist

Saturday 5pm – Holy Eucharist

Sunday 8am – Holy Eucharist; 10am* – Sung Eucharist

**Sunday School offered for children September - June*

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