



Traditional Eucharist

Christmas Eve

December 24th, 2021 8:00 p.m.



Celebrant & Homilist: The Rev. Canon Janet Read-Hockin
Director of Music: Gary Forbes
Soloist: Meghan Symon
Reader/Intercessor: Jane M.
Technical Support: Fahad T.

8 p.m. Traditional Christmas Eve Service The Book of Alternative Services

At the end of this service, we will be singing "Silent Night."

If you have a candle that you can light safely, or an LED candle, please join in lighting it during the singing.

Prelude

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme - J.S. Bach

Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

All: Lord Jesus, let your light shine before us and within us, this day and always.

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Opening Hymn CP 118

O Come All Ye Faithful

Text: St. 1, 2, 3, and 5, John Francis Wade (1711-1786); st. 4, Etienne-Jean-Francois Borderies, 1822; st. 5a, Thesaurus Animae Christianae, 1850?; st. 1, 2, 3, and 5, tr. Frederick Oakley (1802-1880); st. 4 and 5a, tr. William T. Brooke (1848-1917).

1. 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!**

2. God of God, Light of Light,
Lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb,
very God, begotten not created; **Refrain**
3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God ~ in the highest; **Refrain**
4. 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**
5. Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; **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.

People: **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.**

Glory to God # 366

*Glory, in the highest glory,
peace to all, in all their days.
Worship, thanks, and praise unceasing
to the Source of all we raise:
reigning in the sapphire height,
hidden from our mortal sight,
now receive our adoration,
as we make our supplication.*

*Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,
Lamb of God, for sinners given.
Word eternal born of Mary,
Word made flesh, the face of heaven:
holy one, to you we pray,
hear us in the realms of day,
with the Spirit there united,
and the Godhead high exalted.*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Eternal God,

People: **this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light.**

**As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, bring us to see the
splendour of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF 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: 1-3, 9-11 (read responsively by verse)

Sing to the Lord a new song; * sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

Sing to the Lord and bless his name; *proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations *and his wonders among all peoples.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *let the whole earth tremble before him.

Tell it out among the nations: “The Lord is king! *he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.”

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

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

Gradual Hymn: CP 712

Music: Mass of Remembrance, Marty Haugen (1950-).

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Gospel Acclamation vs 1-2

“Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”

- 1 *Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening,
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
- 2 *“I am the light of the world,” says the Lord
“All who follow me shall have the light of life.”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: 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; 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.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Gradual Hymn: CP 712

Gospel Acclamation vs 3-4

*3 Blessed are you, O Lord of creation,
revealing your kingdom to the humble and weak.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*4 The Word of God came and lived here among us,
so all who believe might be the children of God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Homily: Janet+

The Nicene Creed

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.

The Prayers of the People, including Confession and Absolution

Leader: Joining our voices to those of the angels and shepherds, let us pray to the Lord, saying: **Lord of light, hear our prayer**

Leader: For the gift of the Christ child, Jesus, for the glad tidings of great joy and the light which he brings to our world and our lives, [Pause] let us give thanks to the Lord

All: Lord of light, hear our prayer

Leader: For the promise and hope of peace which the angels proclaim: we pray especially for nations of our world torn by war, civil unrest or disasters (please name nations and people known to you either silently or aloud). For all those who suffer violence, injustice or hatred at the hands of others. May God give us grace to strive for peace and uphold and preserve the life and dignity of every human being. [Pause] Let us pray to the Lord,

All: Lord of light, hear our prayer

Leader: For all of our siblings in Christ throughout the world, for the church, remembering especially our Bishops, Justin, Linda, Mark, Ann, Andrew, Kevin and Riscylla and for all people of faith. We pray especially for all who seek to know and share the love of Jesus, especially those gathered virtually tonight: that we may be strengthened in our journey and empowered to share the good news of God in Christ, [Pause] let us pray to the Lord

All: Lord of light, hear our prayer

Leader: For all those who are sick, distressed or in any need: we pray especially for... (please add your petitions either silently or aloud)

For those who are absent, for all those who find Christmas a difficult time, May God fill them and us with comfort, peace and hope and strengthen all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord of light, hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for the forgiveness of our sins. (Silence) For the ways in which we separate ourselves from God and one another. (Silence) For the ways we have sinned in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. (Silence). For the ways we have not loved God with our whole heart and the ways we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. Let us pray to the Lord:

All: Lord of light, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins and confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Leader: Almighty God, on this holy night we are reminded that you humbly entered humanity in the person of Jesus Christ. Hear the prayers which we offer and as you have come to us, help us to come before you with grateful hearts. Help us to see you at work in our world and in our lives, and strengthen us to love and serve you as you have loved and served us so that we may bear your light into the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Lord of light, hear our prayer. Amen.

The Peace

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

All: And also with you.

The Offertory—An Invitation

During the Offertory, we offer many things to God. In our Eucharist Service, we offer the bread and wine. In every Service we also offer ourselves—our cares and concerns, our joys and sorrows, our time, our talent, and our treasure. To make a special request for a ‘distanced’ visit, please email Rev. Janet ([please just click here](#)). Like every Anglican Parish, St. Cuthbert’s is called to be financially self-sustaining. To make a monetary offering to support our ministry and mission, please visit the ‘Donate’ tab of the website ([click here](#)) or scan the QR code here.



Offertory Hymn CP 140

Text: Edmund Hamilton Sears (1810-1876), alt.

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

- 1 *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 good will,
from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.*
- 2 *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.*
- 3 *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.*
- 4 *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!*
5. *For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song
which now the angels sing.*

The Celebration of the Eucharist

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.

People: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we raise our voices 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, Hosana in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosana in the highest.**

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his birth, ministry, death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to gather in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries physically or spiritually, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The 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.

The Communion

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Grant us peace.**

Motet

***Gesu Bambino – Yon
Sung by Meghan Symon***

*When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows / Upon a winter night
Was born the Child, the Christmas Rose / The King of Love and Light.*

*The angels sang, the shepherds sang / The grateful earth rejoiced
And at His blessed birth the stars / Their exultation voiced.*

*O come let us adore Him / O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him / Christ the Lord.*

*Again the heart with rapture glows / to greet the holy night
That gave the world its Christmas Rose / Its King of Love and Light.*

*Let ev'ry voice acclaim His name / The grateful chorus swell
From paradise to earth He came / That we with Him might dwell.*

*O come let us adore Him / O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him / Christ the Lord.*

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant: Father of all,
tonight you have united earth and heaven
in sending your Son to take our human nature.
May we share in the life of his eternal kingdom.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

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.**

Silent Night— *If safe, please light a candle or turn on an LED candle as we join in singing Silent Night*

Text: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr, John Freeman Young (1820-1885).

- 1 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.
- 2 Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
- 3 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.

Blessing

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: CP 138

Text: Charles Wesley (1701-1788), alt.

1 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 hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
**Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King"**

3 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 us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
**Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King"**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb:
veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel.
**Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King"**

Dismissal

Go in hope, peace, joy and love bearing the light of Christ

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude *The Heavens Declare - Marcello*

Thank you for your prayers and presence.

Happy Christmas!

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In Our Prayers we pray for:

The World: All those suffering in the midst of war, civil unrest, disasters, or the impact of climate change.

The Church: All of our siblings through Christ and all those who reach out to others with the love of Christ.

Our Bishops: Justin, *Archbishop of Canterbury*; Linda, *Primate of Canada*; Mark, *National Indigenous Archbishop*; Anne, *Metropolitan of Ontario*; Andrew, *Bishop of Toronto*; Kevin & Riscylla, *Suffragan Bishops*.

Parish Cycle: All members and friends of St Cuthbert's.

We pray for those in special need: Debbie, Cheryl B.; Janet M.; Carol; Rachael; Dale & Geoffrey;

And continue to uphold: Ann C.; Andrew & Tina; Brian & Cheryl C.; Christine & Jack; Constance; Emily; Fr. Paul; James; Jean; Linda; Lisa; Marilyn; Mary; Nicholas; Shirley; Tyler.

We pray especially for all those suffering from Covid-19, for all front line Health Care Workers and for those experiencing conflict or isolation because of differing views on vaccination or the seriousness of the virus.

Christmas Greenery and Flowers donations

The greenery and flowers adorning the Church today are given by:

Nancy W. "In memory of my daughter Jennifer"

Dorcas S. & Christina C. "In loving memory of dearly departed members of the Sheppard and Christopher families"

Heather C. & Paul M. "In thanksgiving for Caleigh and Jordan, Robbie and Katie and all our family"

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