



May the gift of the Christ child and God's blessings of hope, peace, joy and love fill your hearts and homes, this Christmas and always.

Christmas Day

Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion

December 25, 2021 at 9 a.m.

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9 a.m. Service of Holy Communion from The Book of Common Prayer

Prelude

Away in a Manger - arr. Sanborn

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.

Processional Hymn: CP 154

Joy To The World

1 *Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.*

2 *Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

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

4 *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.*

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

The Gathering of the Community

All Almighty God, 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.

The Summary of the Law

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.

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

Kyrie Eleison (said)

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray

The Collect of the Day

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.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading (Please be seated) Isaiah 9:2-7

^{9:2} 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 Counselor, 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 (read responsively by verse)

¹ O sing unto the Lord a new song; / sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.

² **Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name; / be telling of his salvation from day to day.**

³ Declare his honour among the nations, / and his wonders among all peoples.

⁴ **For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised; / he is more to be feared than all gods.**

⁵ As for all the gods of the peoples, they are but idols; / but it is the Lord that made the heavens.

⁶ **Honour and majesty are before him: / strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

⁷ Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the peoples, / ascribe unto the Lord glory and power.

⁸ **Give unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name; / bring presents and come into his courts.**

⁹ O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; / let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

¹⁰ **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 peoples righteously.**

¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad; / let the sea make a noise, and all that is therein.

¹² **Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it; / then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord;**

¹³ For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, / and with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples with his truth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

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

The Gospel Reading *(Please stand)*

Minister: The Holy Gospel is written in the first chapter of the Gospel according to St. John beginning at the first verse.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And 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.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God 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 men 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 worshiped 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.

Homily—Janet +

Offertory Sentence (2 Corinthians 8:9)

Brothers, Sisters, Siblings, you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that you through his poverty might become rich.

During the Offertory, we offer many things to God. We 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 122 In the Bleak Midwinter

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti (1830-1894)

- 1 In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.
- 2 Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.
- 3 Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
but his mother only, in her maiden bliss,
worshiped the beloved with a kiss.
- 4 What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise Man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

Prayer over the Offering

BLESSED be thou, LORD God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

1 Chronicles 29. 10, 11, 14.

The Intercessions

Let us pray for Christ's holy Catholic Church.

Let us pray for peace on earth and for the unity of all people.

Let us remember before God those who have departed this life and are at rest.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church here in earth.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: And grant unto thy servant ELIZABETH our Queen, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and specially to thy servants Justin, Linda, Mark, Ann, Andrew and Kevin, our Bishops, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and specially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those for whom our prayers are desired. *[Please name silently or aloud all those known to you]* Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Invitation to Confession, Confession and Absolution

Officiant: Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

All: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, 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

Officiant: God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Comfortable Words

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

St Matthew 11. 28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. *St John 3. 16.*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1. 15.

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.

1 St John 2. 1, 2.

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.

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:

All: HOLY, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. BLESSED is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

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; 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.

All: Amen.

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you;

People: And with thy spirit.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

**All: 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.**

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.

Minister: Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom. . .

All: And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Gloria in Excelsis

All: GLORY be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Blessing

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

Hymn CP 139

Text: English trad.

The First Nowell

- 1 *The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
No-well, No-well, Now-ell, Now-ell,
born is the King of Is-ra-el.*

- 2 *They lookèd up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.
No-well, No-well, Now-ell, Now-ell,
born is the King of Is-ra-el.*

3 *And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.
No-well, No-well, Now-ell, Now-ell,
born is the King of Is-ra-el.*

4 *This star drew nigh to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay.
No-well, No-well, Now-ell, Now-ell,
born is the King of Is-ra-el.*

5 *Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
Who has made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood salvation bought.
No-well, No-well, Now-ell, Now-ell,
born is the King of Is-ra-el.*

6 *Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
who has made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood salvation bought.
No-well, No-well, Now-ell, Now-ell,
born is the King of Is-ra-el.*

The Dismissal

St. Cuthbert's Leaside, Acknowledgment of Indigenous Territory

This sacred land is the territory of several Indigenous Nations – the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishnaabe, with special recognition to the Mississaugas of New Credit. We also acknowledge that we are on the shores of Niigaani-gichigami/Lake Ontario. This territory is governed by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Treaty, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Anishnaabe Confederacy to peaceably share and sustain the life of the Great Lakes. In the spirit of that Treaty we seek to place at the centre of our gatherings the values of respectful reciprocity, diversity, peace, responsibility, and mutual aid.

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:

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