



And there, in the stable, amongst the chickens and the donkeys and the cows, in the quiet of the night, God gave the world his wonderful gift. The baby that would change the world. His baby Son.

Mary and Joseph wrapped him up to keep him warm. They made a soft bed of straw and used the animals' feeding trough as his cradle. And they gazed in wonder at God's Great Gift, wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

Mary and Joseph named him Jesus, "Emmanuel"—which means "God has come to live with us."

Because, of course, he had.

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Family Service with Instant Pageant

Christmas Eve

December 24th 2025 4:00 p.m.

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Welcome to St. Cuthbert's, Leaside



Thank you for joining us this evening as we celebrate the Birth of Jesus.
If you are new, or visiting with us, we extend a special welcome.

This evening's service is printed in the bulletin and you are warmly invited to join in all responses printed in bold type as well as the songs.

If you would like to find an instrument to join in on our songs please do so—provided it is okay with the other people who may be joining you!

As part of this Service we will be having an Instant Pageant—no experience required! The Pageant is based on the stories of Jesus' birth from the Gospels (Good News Biographies of Jesus) written by Luke and Matthew.

Children and young people (as well as all those who are young at heart!) are invited to participate in different roles and costumes are available on the rack at the front of the Church.

Roles include:

the angel Gabriel,

Mary,

Joseph,

the baby Jesus,

animals at the manger,

angels,

shepherds,

kings from the east

Card prompter

Special thanks in advance to our lead shepherd, Dave B. and family for their help!

And everyone will be asked to participate at various times, most notably by joining in hymns along the way. Don't be afraid of making a mistake as we retell the story. This pageant is meant to reflect the joy of Jesus' birth and everyone is a part of the story.

No matter who you are, or why you have come, we believe God has drawn you into our midst and we are grateful.

4 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service
The Book of Alternative Services
in-person worship and online via YouTube Live

Prelude

Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring - Hess

Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Each week in Advent, we have lit the Advent Candles for Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. Tonight we light each of these candles again and the centre Christ Candle, symbolizing that Jesus Christ, our light and our life, has entered the world.

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.

Opening Hymn CP 123

Once in Royal David's City

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt. Music: Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876).

1 *Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ, her little child.*

2 *He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and mean and lowly,
lived on earth our Saviour holy.*

3 *Not in that poor, lowly stable
with the oxen standing by
we shall see him, but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high.
Then like stars his children crowned,
all in white, his praise will sound.*

The Gathering of the Community

The Grace (taken from 2 Corinthians 13:14)

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.**

Glory to God (sung by all)

Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high!

And on earth peace to all people in whom God is well pleased.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Glory to God'. It consists of two staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff is the vocal line, and the second staff is the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first line of lyrics is in Spanish: '¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al tur - as a Dios!' and the second line is in English: 'Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry be to God on high!'. The piano accompaniment includes chord markings: C7, F, C, and F.

¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al tur - as a Dios!
Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry be to God on high!

Y en la tie - rra paz pa - ra a - qué - llos que a - ma el Se - ñor.
And on earth peace to all peo - ple in whom God is well pleased.

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 9:2,6-7

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. 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: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **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.

Let the Instant Pageant begin...

Children (and those young at heart) are invited to participate in different roles and will be given costumes. All those gathered will be asked to participate at various times, most notably by joining in various hymns.

Musical Interlude for costume preparation

Christmas Time is Here

The Sharing of the Christmas Gospel - from Luke 2:1-20 and Matthew 2:1-11

Hymn #118 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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| <p>1 <i>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;</i></p> <p>2 <i>God of God, Light of Light,
Lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb,
very God, begotten not created; Refrain</i></p> | <p>Refrain:
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!</p> <p>3 <i>Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God ~ in the highest Refrain</i></p> |
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Scene 1 - The angel Gabriel appears to Mary and tells her that she will give birth to a son who will be named Jesus. This child will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High.

Time passes....

Scene 2 - The Emperor Augustus orders that everyone needs to be registered (for taxes!) so Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, the home of Joseph's ancestors. Bethlehem, however, is full of people and Joseph and Mary cannot find anywhere to stay. Finally, they find room in a stable where Mary gives birth to her firstborn son, Jesus. She wraps "him in bands of cloth and lays him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn."

Hymn #126 (verse 1) *Away in a Manger*

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus, laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky
looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay*

Scene 3 - Outside of Bethlehem, Shepherds are watching over their flocks by night. All of a sudden, an Angel of the Lord appears to the Shepherds. The Angel tells them "Do not be afraid; for see--I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David (Bethlehem), a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." The angel is joined by a multitude of the heavenly host (a.k.a. a bunch of other angels), praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all people on earth!"

Hymn #136 (verses 1 and 2)

While Shepherds Watched their Flocks

1 While shepherds watched their flocks by night
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down
and glory shone around.

2 "Fear not," said they, for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind.
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and human kind."

Scene 4 - The Shepherds make their way to Bethlehem "to see this thing that has come to pass" which the Lord has made known to them. They find Joseph and Mary, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known all that they had seen and everyone who heard the news was amazed! (please feel free to be amazed!)

Hymn

Go, Tell it on the Mountain (refrain only)

Refrain: **Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere**
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

Scene 5 - But the Shepherds were not the only ones who noticed that something had happened....In a distant land, magi (wise people) see the rising of a star and recognize that it heralds the birth of a new king. They follow the star to Jerusalem and then to Bethlehem where they find Jesus and offer gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. But that's a story for Epiphany.....

We would normally say "The End" but actually, it is just The Beginning!

Thank you to everyone for participating in our Instant Pageant!

Please feel free to return to your pews and if you would like to keep your costume on for the remainder of the service, please feel free to do so.

Closing Hymn for the Instant Pageant

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

The Affirmation of Faith from The Anglican New Zealand Prayerbook

Celebrant: Let us affirm our faith, as we say,

All: You, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us. You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now. You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

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: 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.
May we 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, 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.**

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 —our cares and concerns, our joys and sorrows, our time, our talent, and our treasure. 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 place your donation in the Offertory Plate at either the front or back of the Church. You may also place your offering in the plate as members of the Welcome Team slowly process down the centre aisle during the Offertory Hymn. Offerings may also be sent via e-transfer to stcuthbertleaside@toronto.anglican.ca or by visiting the Donate tab of the website ([click here](#)) or by scanning the QR code. St. Cuthbert's is also grateful to receive donations via The United Way. For more information, please contact the Church Office.



Offertory Hymn

Little Drummer

Originally known as "Carol of the Drum", "The Little Drummer Boy" was written by the American composer Katherine Kennicott Davis in 1941. First recorded in 1951 by the Trapp Family Singers, the song was popularized by the Harry Simeone Chorale in 1958 and by Bing Crosby and David Bowie in 1977. The lyrics describe how the little drummer was summoned by the Magi to celebrate Jesus' birth. Without a gift, the little drummer played his drum with Jesus' mother, Mary's favour; saying, "I played my best for him" and "He smiled at me."

1 Come they told me

Pa rum pum pum pum

A new born king to see

Pa rum pum pum pum

Our finest gifts we bring

Pa rum pum pum pum

To lay before the king

Pa rum pum pum pum

Rum pum pum pum,

Rum pum pum pum

So to honor him

Pa rum pum pum pum

When we come.

2 Little baby

Pa rum pum pum pum

I am a poor boy too

Pa rum pum pum pum

I have no gift to bring

Pa rum pum pum pum

That's fit to give our king

Pa rum pum pum pum

Rum pum pum pum,

Rum pum pum pum

Shall I play for you

Pa rum pum pum pum

On my drum?

3 Mary nodded

The ox and lamb kept time

I played my drum for him

I played my best for him

Rum pum pum pum,

Then he smiled at me

Me and my drum.

Pa rum pum pum pum

Pa rum pum pum pum

Pa rum pum pum pum

Pa rum pum pum pum

Rum pum pum pum

Pa rum pum pum pum

The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts (said by all)

All: 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. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving taken from The Church of England Prayer Two

Celebrant: The Lord is here

All: His Spirit is with us.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish. You give us your love, even when things go wrong. Jesus knew hurt and pain. Through him you wipe away our tears, and fill us with your peace. You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise::

CP 732
sung by 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: We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.
Why do we share this bread and wine? Listen, and we will hear.
On the night before he died, Jesus had dinner with his friends. Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples (followers), saying: 'This is my body, my life, given for you. Do this to remember me.' After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins' to bring healing, wholeness and new life. 'Do this to remember me.'
So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate Jesus' love, life, ministry, death, and his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.
Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.
And now with St. Cuthbert and all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as Jesus taught us, we pray,

**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, forever 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.

Celebrant: This is the table at which God is host and all are welcome guests.
These are the gifts of God for the whole People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Introduction to receiving Communion

Agnus Dei

Sung by All: Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

**CP 747 Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world,
give us your peace, give us your peace.**

The Administration of Communion

Please wait until the Choir has returned to their pews before proceeding to the communion rail. The Welcome team will direct you to the communion rail. Please proceed to the rail in a clockwise motion around the table and return to your pew following the same clockwise motion.



Everyone is welcome to receive communion.



You may receive both bread and wine, or just the bread, if you wish.



We have GF-free wafers available on request.



Cross your arms to receive a blessing instead.



Communion can be brought to you if needed: just ask a sidesperson.

Communion Hymns—Please see the blue Common Praise Hymnal in the pew rack.

CP 137 *What Child is This*

CP 126 *Away in a Manger*

Motet *See Amid the Winter's Snow - Forest* sung by the choir
Alleluia.

*See, amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below,
see the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.*

Refrain: *Hail, thou ever blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."*

Alleluia.

*Lo, within a manger lies He who built the starry skies;
He who, throned in height sublime, sits amid the cherubim! Refrain*

Alleluia.

*Sacred Infant, all divine, what a tender love was Thine,
thus to come from highest bliss down to such a world as this! Refrain*

Alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

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

Lighting of the Tapers *Please prepare to light your taper by extending the candle so that it is higher than the plastic holder. Those assisting with the Service will light the candles of those on the ends of the aisles. On lighting your taper, please turn to your neighbours and share the 'light' with them. Once all the tapers are lit, the overhead lights will be turned off for the singing of Silent Night by candlelight. The tapers will remain lit until after the Blessing*

Hymn *Silent Night* (sung together after communion)

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

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| <p>1 <i>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.</i></p> | <p>2 <i>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!</i></p> |
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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.*

Doxology

Celebrant: Glory to God

All: **whose power, working in us,
can do, and is doing, 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.**

Blessing

Closing Hymn CP 138

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Text: Charles Wesley (1701-1788), alt. Music: Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847); adapt. William Hayman Cummings (1831-1915); altern. harm. David Willcocks (1919-) Altern. harm. © 1961 Oxford University Press.

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"*

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"*

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"*

Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 140 - J.S. Bach

Thank you for your prayers and presence.

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

The Christmas Story from Luke (Luke 2:1-20)

^{2:1} In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ 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. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ 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 room for them in the inn.

⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ 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: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

¹⁵ 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." ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Story of Epiphany from Matthew (Matthew 2: 1-12)

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶ "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." ' ⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

St. Cuthbert's Leaside, Acknowledgment of Indigenous Territory

This sacred land is the territory of several Indigenous Nations – the Wendat, the Métis, 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, or disasters caused by climate change. We pray for all victims of violence, especially our Jewish siblings through Abraham and an end to Antisemitism; for Sudan, the Middle East, the people of Gaza; for Canada/U.S. relations; for Ukraine; for all nations and people known to us.

Our Community: We uphold in love all those who live and work within our Parish Boundaries.

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

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

Our Archdeacon: *The Venerable Theadore Hunt*

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

We pray for those in special need: Ted; Dorcas; Ally; Sharon; Monique; Helen M.; Fr. Randal; Jeannie; Mark; Anita; Tamara D. and M.J.

And continue to uphold: Nancy D.; Marlene; Dale; Carol M.; Marilyn and Mary J.

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***Dorcas & Christina “in loving memory of dearly departed members of the
Sheppard and Christopher families”***

***Karen “with thanks to God for warm memories of Christmases past and of those no
longer with us yet who remain close in our hearts”***

***Wency & Geoff “dedicated to our families who introduced us to the special celebration of
Christ's birth and to our St Cuthbert's family who relive this miracle with us year after
year”***

Fr. Randal & Maridene “in thanksgiving for friends & family”

Andrea “in loving memory of Richard. Love the Howells”

Marlene “Merry Christmas to all”

***Bryson & Yvonne “in Thanksgiving for Jean & Gil Boright and
Cobie & Jack van Zon”***

***Heather & Paul “in loving memory of Norma & George Conolly and Paul Mingay Sr. and
with grateful hearts for the blessings of good health, loving family, near and far, and
friends, old and new”***

Tina “to the Glory of God and in thanks for his Son, Jesus Christ”

Jim & Shayne “in thanksgiving for grandchildren”

Lorna & Ted “with gratitude for this community of faith”

Liz “in thanksgiving for the kindness of Geoff & Wency K. and Lilian W.”

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“We give thanks that Jesus entered the world as the Prince of Peace and pray that His peace,
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pain and suffering which is experienced by so many”***