



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 25th 2025 at 9 a.m.

Ministers:	The people of St. Cuthbert's
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9 a.m. Service of Holy Communion from The Book of Common Prayer in-person worship and online via YouTube Live

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 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.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

*2 They looked 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.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

*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.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

*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.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

The Gathering of the Community

Officiant: 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 with thy spirit.

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

Officiant: 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.

The Gloria in Excelsis

All: GLORY be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards all.
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 Spirit, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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: 1-3, 9-11 (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.

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.**

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.

Gradual CP 153

Good Christians All, Rejoice vs 1,2 before; v 3 after

Text: German Latin Carol (14th cent.) tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: Melody Geistliche Lieder, Wittenberg, 1533; harm. Robert Lucas Pearsall (1795-1836); arr. John Stainer (1840-1901)

1 *Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Listen now to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today;
Christ is born today!*

2 *Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Hear the news of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this;
he has opened heaven's door
and we are blessed for evermore!
Christ was born for this;
Christ was born for this!*

3 *Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Now you need not fear the grave;
Jesus Christ was born to save:
come at his most gracious call
to find salvation, one and all!
Christ was born to save;
Christ was born to save!*

The Gospel Reading (*Please stand*) John 1: 1-14

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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 to you, Lord Jesus 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 and for our salvation came down from heaven,
And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit 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 Spirit, 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: Lutzen Riedstra

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 our sakes he became poor, that we through his poverty might become rich.

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 CP 137

Text: Luke 2: 8-14: para Nahun Tate (1652-1715) alt. Music: Melody Whole Book of Psalms 1592; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971). Desc © Novello & Co. Ltd.

What Child is This?

1 *What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?*

R *This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!*

2 *Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear: for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading. Refrain*

3 *So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him. Refrain*

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.

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all people, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For our bishops, Sarah, Shane, Chris, Anne, Andrew, Kevin and Riscylla, our Archdeacon, Theadore, and for all clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For Charles our King, Mark our Prime Minister, and for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the sick and the suffering, for all those who have asked for prayers (please add the names of those known to you, silently or aloud) ...let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, and a deeper willingness to help end the affliction, strife and need of others, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the absolution and remission of our sins and offences, and the healing of any brokenness, (Pause) let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all who have died, we remember especially all those close to our hearts, naming them silently or aloud, (Pause) let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

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 one 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.

Agnus Dei

**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.**

The Communion

				
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.

Hymn during Communion CP # 126

Please see the blue Common Praise Hymnal

Away in a Manger

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

All: 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.

And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, So to assist us with thy grace, That we may continue in that holy fellowship, And do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end.
Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn CP 154

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: Melody William Holford, Voce de Melodia, 1835; adapt. George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

Joy To The World

1 *Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
let earth receive the King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.*

2 *Joy to the world! 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.*

3 *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.*

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.*

The Dismissal

Postlude

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice—arr. Sanborn

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: 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: 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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are to the Glory of God and given by:***

Dorcas & Christina “in loving memory of dearly departed members of the Shepherd 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.”

Marion “in memory of a beloved sister, Angela Swallow”

Jane “in loving memory of Tina Brierley”

Catherine “in loving memory of Nick Kuseta and for family and friends who passed away in 2025”

Irene “in loving memory of Rene Narbonne & Michael Kelly, from Irene, Shauna & Tara”

Rev. Janet Read-Hockin “in loving memory of Helen & Rodney Read, Jamie & Tim Read and Mary Anne Hockin”

***And the Christmas Tree adorning the Sanctuary
is to The Glory of God and given by:***

The Gray Family (Gibby, Diane, Catherine, Oliver, Ian, Adrienne and Carmen)

“We give thanks that Jesus entered the world as the Prince of Peace and pray that His peace, compassion and unconditional love may strengthen us to end the violence, marginalization, pain and suffering which is experienced by so many”