



**St. Mark's Anglican Church**

***CHRISTMAS EVE***

**Tuesday, December 24, 2024**

**Sung Eucharist at 5:00 pm**

*Welcome to St. Mark's.*

*The order of service is set forth in this service sheet  
Please stand and kneel as you are able—and as is your custom  
Please join in singing the hymns and saying the parts printed in **bold***

*The service music is found in Common Praise, the blue books in the pew racks*

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*At 4:30, the Director of Music leads the community  
in Carol Singing which ends with*

PRELUDE *Noël*

Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

## **THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

*All stand*

## **THE ENTRANCE HYMN**

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:  
*O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

God of God,  
Light of Light,  
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Very God,  
Begotten, not created:  
*O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

Sing, choirs of Angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above:  
Glory to God  
In the highest:  
*O come, let us adore him,*  
*O come, let us adore him,*  
*O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
Born on Christmas morning  
Jesu, 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!*

**Words:** Latin, 18<sup>th</sup> Century, trans. F. Oakeley, W. T. Brooke & others

**Music:** *Adeste fideles*, Composer unknown, probably 18<sup>th</sup> Century  
descant, David Willcocks (1919-2015)

*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

*Common Praise*, no. 686

## THE COLLECT

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Eternal God,  
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.

*People* **Amen.**

*All sit*

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

*Reader:* Jane de Munnich

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* Thanks be to God.

O nata lux de lumine, Jesu redemptor saeculi,  
Dignare clemens supplicum Laudes precesque sumere.

Qui carne quondam contegi Dignatus es pro perditis,  
Nos membra confer effici Tui beati corporis.

*O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
with loving-kindness deign to receive suppliant praise and prayer.*

*Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost,  
grant us to be members of thy blessed body.*

*- Office Hymn for the Feast of the Transfiguration*

## SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14

*Reader:* Jane de Munnich

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 Savior, 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*      Thanks be to God.

*All stand*

## THE GRADUAL HYMN

O Little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars together  
Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the King,  
And peace to men on earth;  
For Christ is born of Mary;  
And, gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wond'ring love.

How silently, how silently,  
The wondrous gift is giv'n!  
As love imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of God's heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming;  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him, still  
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
Descend to us, we pray:  
Cast out our sin, and enter in,  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell:  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel.

**Words:** Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)

**Music:** *Forest Green*, traditional English melody, harm R. V. Williams (1872-1958)

GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* 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; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, 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 favors!” 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.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of Christ.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Please remain standing until directed by the preacher*

THE SERMON

The Rector

*All stand*

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

*Leader:* Penny-Lynn Cookson

*Leader* In joy and humility let us pray to the creator of the universe,  
saying, "Lord, grant us peace."

*Leader* By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel,  
hear us, O Lord.

***People* Lord, grant us peace.**

*Leader* By the mystery of the Word made flesh,  
hear us, O Lord.

***People* Lord, grant us peace.**

*Leader* By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God,  
hear us, O Lord.

***People* Lord, grant us peace.**

*Leader* By the manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds and magi,  
hear us, O Lord.

***People* Lord, grant us peace.**

*Leader* By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of  
Nazareth, hear us, O Lord.

***People* Lord, grant us peace.**

*Leader* By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan,  
hear us, O Lord.

***People* Lord, grant us peace.**

*Leader* Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the  
kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ;  
hear us, O Lord.

***People* Lord, grant us peace.**

*Celebrant* Father, on this holy night angels and shepherds  
worshipped at the manger throne.  
Receive these prayers through him who is your Word made flesh,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

***People* Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

## WORDS OF WELCOME

ANTHEM *Sung by St Mark's Singers*

Philip LeBas (b. 1958)

The Christ-child lay on Mary's lap, His hair was like a light.  
(O weary, weary were the world, But here is all aright.)

The Christ-child lay on Mary's breast His hair was like a star.  
(O stern and cunning are the kings, But here the true hearts are.)

The Christ-child lay on Mary's heart, His hair was like a fire.  
(O weary, weary is the world, But here the world's desire.)

The Christ-child stood on Mary's knee, His hair was like a crown,  
And all the flowers looked up at Him, And all the stars looked down.

- G. K. Chesterton (1874-1936)

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### THE OFFERTORY HYMN

Hark! The herald Angels sing  
"Glory to the new-born King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies,  
With the angelic host proclaim,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.  
*Hark! the herald Angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.*



*Celebrant* Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
we give you thanks and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who in the mystery of his incarnation  
was made perfect man  
of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother;  
in him we have seen a new and radiant vision of your glory.  
Therefore with all the angels of heaven,  
we lift our voices and sing our joyful hymn of praise  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

*Common Praise*, no. 689

*All remain standing or kneel*

*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, Lord our God,  
for the goodness and love  
you have made known to us in creation;  
in calling Israel to be your people;  
in your Word spoken through the prophets;  
and above all in the Word made flesh,  
Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him  
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.  
In him, you have delivered us from evil,  
and made us worthy to stand before you.  
In him, you have brought us  
out of error into truth,  
out of sin into righteousness,  
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
a death he freely accepted,  
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples

and said, "Take, eat:  
this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;  
and when he had given thanks,  
he gave it to them,  
and said, "Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.

*All* Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
**we remember his death,**  
**we proclaim his resurrection,**  
**we await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant* and we offer our sacrifice  
of praise and thanksgiving  
to you, Lord of all;  
presenting to you, from your creation,  
this bread and this wine.  
We pray you, gracious God,  
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,  
that they may be the sacrament  
of the body of Christ  
and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,  
that we, made acceptable in him,  
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.  
In the fullness of time,  
reconcile all things in Christ  
and make them new,  
and bring us to that city of light  
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
the firstborn of all creation,  
the head of the Church,  
and the author of our salvation;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,  
now and forever.

**People**     **Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant*     And now, as our Saviour Christ has 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*     Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People*         **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia!**

*Celebrant*     The gifts of God for the people of God.  
*People*         **Thanks be to God.**

#### LAMB OF GOD

*Common Praise*, no. 690

#### THE COMMUNION

*Please follow the directions of the greeters as you make your way to the altar*

What sweeter music can we bring than a carol for to sing  
the birth of this our heav'nly King? Awake the voice, awake the string:  
We see him come, and know him ours, who with his sunshine and his showers  
Turns all the patient ground to flowers

Dark and dull night, fly hence away, and give the honour to this day  
That sees December turn'd to May. If we may ask the reason, say:  
We see him come, and know him ours, who with his sunshine and his showers  
Turns all the patient ground to flowers

The darling of the world is come, and fit it is to find a room  
To welcome him. The nobler part of all the house here is the heart  
Which we will give him and bequeath this holly and this ivy wreath  
To do him honour who's our King and Lord of all this revelling.

We see him come, and know him ours, who with his sunshine and his showers  
Turns all the patient ground to flowers

- Robert Herrick (1591-1674)

*At the conclusion of the distribution, all kneel and sing*

## **THE ORISON HYMN**

Silent night! Holy Night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy Night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight:  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia,  
Christ the Saviour is born.  
Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night! Holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

**Words:** Joseph Mohr (1792-1848), trans. J. F. Young (1820-1885)  
**Music: Stille Nacht** Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863), harm. Carl H. Reineke (1824-1910)

*All remain kneeling*

#### THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant* All your works praise you, O Lord.  
*All* **And your faithful servants bless you.**

**Gracious God**  
**we thank you for feeding us**  
**with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.**  
**May we, who share his body,**  
**live his risen life;**  
**we, who drink his cup,**  
**bring life to others;**  
**we, whom the Spirit lights,**  
**give light to the world.**  
**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,**  
**So that we and all your children shall be free,**  
**and the whole earth live to praise your name;**  
**through Christ our Lord. Amen**

#### THE BLESSING

*Celebrant* Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with peace and goodwill and make you partakers of the divine nature; and the blessing of God almighty: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

*People* **Amen.**

*All stand*



## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE RETIRING HYMN

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:  
Let earth receive the King:  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns;  
Let us glad songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,  
Repeat the sounding joy.

No more let wrongs and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found.

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

**Words:** Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

**Music: Antioch** George Frederic Handel, adapt. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

VOLUNTARY *In Dulci Jubilo*, BWV 729

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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**MAY THE JOY AND PEACE OF CHRISTMAS BE YOURS**

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**The Flowers in the Church are Given to the GLORY OF GOD  
and in Memory of**

Christopher Jennings  
*from his family*

Keith Worrall  
*from his family*

Betty and Phyllis  
*from Allan Magnacca and family*

Elisabeth and Anthony Fischer  
*from Megan and Rod McKee*

Peter Wylie  
*From Eve Wylie and family*

Kathleen Drope, Mary and John Drope, Sarah Drope and Irene Whyte  
*from Kathy and Tim Taylor*

Mary Hazell  
*from the Hazell family*

John Steel  
*from Wendy Steel*

Ronald Gosling  
*from James and Virginia Mainprize*

The Masters and Lees families  
*from Dorothy and Beverley Lees*

Hilda Porter Russell  
*from Ian Russell and Jo-Anne Hill*

Kelly M. James  
*from Janet James*

Lynn Hill and Gary Hill  
*from Jo-Anne and Ian Russell*

Ian Bongard  
*from his family*

JoAnn Walker and Jordan Walker  
*from Will Walker*

Jack and Florence Bennett and Steve, Jack and Alan Bennett  
*from Candace Bennett-Walker and Will Walker*

Beverley and Lionel Garrett and Liam Garrett and Morris and Erelyne Bachelor  
*from Ted and Pam Garrett*

Murray and Elizabeth Lister  
*from their daughter, Lynne Heaman*

Isabelle de Borchgrave  
*from Rita Brown*

Dave and Jack Cantin  
*from Willard and Anita Miller*

The Bloss and Bailey families  
*from Michael Bloss and Mona Bailey*

In memory of Beverley Garrett  
*from Heather Sherlock*



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