



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT:  
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & HOLY EUCHARIST

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2018

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*(Please join in the congregational parts of the service, which are shown in **bold print**.)*

**Ministering in the service today ... Celebrant:** The Rev. Canon Steven Mackison; **Ministrant:** Leonora Dowker; **Server:** Patrick Burrowes; **Intercessor:** Eric Painter; **Greeters:** Royal Leduc, Sylvia White, Eric Painter; **Altar Guild:** Evelyn Hadley; **Children's Ministry Coordinator:** Elodie Lambert; **Music Director:** Jean-Sébastien Allaire; **Organist:** Philip Crozier

**Prelude:** Den die Hirten lobten sehre

*Helmut Walcha (1907-1991)*

Motet: "LULLAY MY LIKING" - *Gustav Holst (1874-1934)*

*Sung by the choir*

I saw a fair maiden Sitten and sing: She lulléd a little child, A sweeté lording.  
Lullay my liking, my dear son, my sweeting; Lullay my dear heart, Mine own dear darling

That eternal lord is he That made allé thing; Of allé lordés he is Lord of allé kinges King.  
Chorus:

There was mickle melody at that childés birth: Though the songsters were heavenly They  
madé mickle mirth. Chorus:

Angels bright they sang that night and saiden to that child, "Blessed be thou and so be she  
That is both meek and mild." Chorus:

Pray we now to that child, and to his mother dear, God grant them all his blessing That now  
maken cheer. Chorus:

## **Advent Candle-Lighting**

*Please be seated*

*Priest:* 

Jesus Christ is the light of the world. Al - le - lu - ia!

*People:* 

A light no darkness can extinguish. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Priest:* Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." Those who follow him will not walk in  
darkness, but will have the light of love.

*People:* **May God's love be in our lives and in the world. Amen.**

## ✠ The Gathering of the Community

*Priest:* 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.**

*Priest:* 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.**

*Priest:* Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*All:* **Amen.**

## Sunday School Christmas Pageant:

*Please be seated*

“O Come Let Us Adore Him” - A Christmas Pageant by Sharon Pearson, adapted by Debbie Noonan

Hymn: #118 – “O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL”

*All sing*

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, 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, Christ the Lord.

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle, leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;  
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

*As Mary, Joseph, and the donkey make their journey to Bethlehem, all sing...*

Hymn: #121 – “O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM”

*All sing*

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.

For Christ is born of Mary; and, gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all the earth.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given  
as love imparts to human hearts the blessings of God's heaven!  
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.

*When Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus arrive at the manger, all sing...*

Hymn: #119 – “SILENT NIGHT”

*All sing*

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.

*After the angels appear before the shepherds, all sing...*

Hymn: “ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH”

*All sing*

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains.  
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains. Gloria, in excelsis Deo x2.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song? Gloria, in excelsis Deo x2.

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria, in excelsis Deo x2.

*When the Magi approach Herod, all sing...*

Hymn: "WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE"

*All sing*

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain gold I bring to crown Him again,  
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. Refrain.

*After Herod asks the Magi to search for the Christ-child, all continue singing...*

Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh;  
prayer and praising, voices raising, worshipping God on high. Refrain.

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone cold tomb. Refrain.

Glorious now behold him arise, king and God and Sacrifice.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Sounds through the earth and skies. Refrain.

*When the Pageant concludes, then all sing...*

Hymn: #154 – "JOY TO THE WORLD"

*All sing*

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive the King;  
let every heart prepare him room, (and heaven and nature sing x3.)

Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns: let us glad songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains (repeat the sounding joy x3.)

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness (and wonders of his love. x3)

## **The Prayers of the People**

*Please kneel or be seated*

*Leader:* Let us pray together for the coming of the kingdom. We pray for the church.

*Prayers for the church are offered*

Lord of love, may the Church be quiet enough to hear your voice, humble enough  
to move your way, and excited enough to spread the good news. Living God:

**All: Let your kingdom come.**

*Leader:* Let us pray for the world, that it may embrace the coming of the Son of the Most High.

*Prayers for the world are offered*

*Leader:* Lord of heaven, bless all who lead with integrity and respect for others; bless all in positions of authority with humility and a sense of right; may unjust practices be changed for good and conflicts be peacefully resolved. Living God:

**All: Let your kingdom come.**

*Leader:* Let us pray for the sick and the suffering, the cold and hungry, the lonely and lost.

*The names of the sick and suffering are offered*

I invite your prayers, spoken aloud or offered in the sanctity of silence.

*Please offer your prayers, as the Spirit moves you*

Lord of heaven, give patience and courage to all who have to wait, when the waiting is long and painful; bring healing to all who are wounded, whether physically or emotionally, and give them assurance of your presence. Living God:

**All: Let your kingdom come.**

*Leader:* Let us pray for those who have died, whom God has welcomed into eternity.

*The names of those who have died are offered*

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

**All: And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Leader:* May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Give to those who mourn a holy and certain hope that they will meet in paradise. Living God:

**All: Let your kingdom come.**

*Leader:* Lord of heaven, we thank you for your faithful promise to us, fulfilled in the coming of Jesus. We welcome his kingship in our lives. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end.

**All: Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Please stand*

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Ministrant:* I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to his word. *(Luke 1.38)*

# Offertory Hymn: #362 – “TELL OUT, MY SOUL”

*All sing*



1. Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord! Un - num-bered
2. Tell out my soul, the great-ness of his name! Make known his
3. Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might! Powers and do-
4. Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word! Firm is his



bless - ings, give my spir - it voice; ten - der to me the  
might, the deeds his arm has done; his mer - cy sure, from  
- min - ions lay their glo - ry by; proud hearts and stub - born  
prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure. Tell out, my soul, the



prom-ise of his word; in God my Sav - iour shall my heart re - joice.  
age to age the same; his ho - ly name--the Lord, the might-y one.  
wills are put to flight, the hun - gry fed, the hum-ble lift - ed high.  
great-ness of the Lord to chil-dren's chil-dren and for ev - er - more!

TEXT: Song of Mary (Luke 1.46-56); para. Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926- ). © 1962, renewal 1990 Hope Publishing Co. MUSIC: Woodlands; Walter Greatorex (1877-1949).

## Offertory Sentence

*All sing*



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise



him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

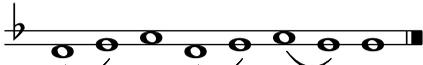
TEXT: Thomas Ken (1637-1710).  
MUSIC: Old 100th; Melody Geneva, 1551.

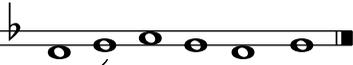
## The Prayer over the Gifts

*Priest:* Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

*All:* Amen.

# The Great Thanksgiving

*Priest:*   
The Lord be with you.

*People:*   
And also with you.

*Priest:*   
Lift up your hearts.

*People:*   
We lift them to the Lord.

*Priest:*   
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Priest:* We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Sanctus** - MUSIC: New Plainsong, David Hurd (1950-); © 1981 G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

*All sing*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*Priest:* Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me." Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to be in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Priest:* Gathering all our praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us.

**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.**

**Notre Père, qui es aux cieux, que ton Nom soit sanctifié, que ton règne vienne. Que ta volonté soit faite sur la terre comme au ciel. Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour. Pardonne-nous nos offenses, comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés. Et ne nous soumets pas à la tentation, mais délivre-nous du mal. Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne, la puissance et la gloire, dans les siècles des siècles. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Priest:* God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

*People:* **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb!**

*Priest:* The gifts of God for the People of God.

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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

## The Communion

All Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. Tous les chrétiens sont invités à communier.

### Communion Hymn: Hymn: #88 – “COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS”

All sing



1. Come, thou long - ex - spect-ed Je-sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2. Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
3. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv-er; born a child and yet a King;
4. By thine own e - ter-nal Spir-it, rule in all our hearts a - lone;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
 born to reign in us for - ev - er: now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

TEXT: Aurelius  
 Clemens Prudentius  
 (348-413?); tr. John  
 Mason Neale (1818-  
 1866), alt. MUSIC:  
 Divinum Mysterium;  
 plainsong, Mode 8  
 (12th cent.?)

### Anthem: “DING DONG MERRILY ON HIGH” (Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Sung by the choir

Ding dong merrily on high, in heav'n the bells are ringing: Ding dong! verily the sky is riv'n with angel singing. *Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!*

E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen, And io, io, io! by priest and people sungen. *Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!*

Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers; May you beautifully rime your evetime song, ye singers. *Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!*

## Prayer after Communion

*Please stand*

*Priest:* 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 & Announcements

Recessional Hymn: #322 – “ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS NAME” *Please stand & sing*



1. All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate  
2. Hail him, the heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did  
3. Crown him, you mar - tyrs of your God, who from his al - tar  
4. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the  
5. Let ev - ery tongue and ev - ery tribe, de - liv - ered from the  
6. O that, with hea - ven's sa - cred throng, we at his feet may



fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him,  
call, the God in - car - nate, life di - vine, and crown him,  
call; praise him whose burn - ing path you trod, and crown him,  
gall, go, spread your troph - ies at his feet, and crown him,  
fall, to Christ all ma - jest - y a - scribe, and crown him,  
fall, lift high the u - ni - ver - sal song, and crown him,



crown him, crown him, crown him Lord of all.

TEXT: Edward Perronet (1726-1792), alt. MUSIC: Miles Lane; William Shrubsole (1759?-1806).

## Dismissal

*Priest:* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia!

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

*Choir:* Amen.

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We welcome all visitors and newcomers to our services today. If you are a visitor, we invite you to make yourself known to one of our Greeters or Clergy.

Nous souhaitons la bienvenue aux visiteurs et aux nouveaux venus à nos services d'aujourd'hui et nous vous invitons à vous faire connaître auprès d'une des personnes à l'accueil ou auprès d'un membre du clergé.

**TODAY**

**Following the 10:30 a.m. service ...** We invite everyone to join us for refreshments

**THIS WEEK**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE**

**10:30 p.m.**

**Procession & Choral Eucharist**

*Sermon:* The Rev. Canon Steven Mackison

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS DAY**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Holy Eucharist**

*Sermon:* The Rev. Deborah Noonan

**There will be no Wednesday Eucharist on December 26<sup>th</sup> or January 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
The office is closed from December 24<sup>th</sup> to January 1 inclusive.**

**NEXT SUNDAY - DECEMBER 30 2018**

**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26 / Colossians 3.12-17 / Luke 2.41-52

**9:00 a.m.**

**Holy Communion (Chapel)**

*Preacher:* The Rev. Wendy Telfer

**10:30 a.m.**

**Holy Eucharist and Baptism**

*Preacher:* The Rev. Wendy Telfer