



**THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY
PROCESSION & HOLY EUCHARIST**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2018

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The Lighting of the Christ Candle



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



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

Priest: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

All: **we light this candle**

in celebration of the Word made flesh among us.

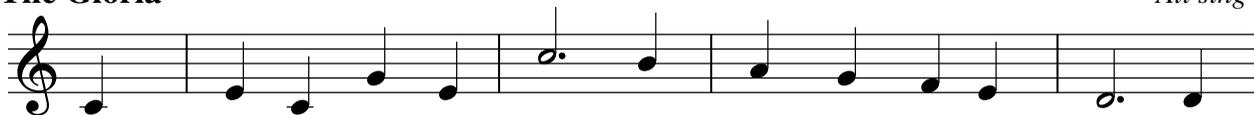
**May we, through Christ's incarnation,
be bound together as one human family**

in hope, peace, joy, and love.

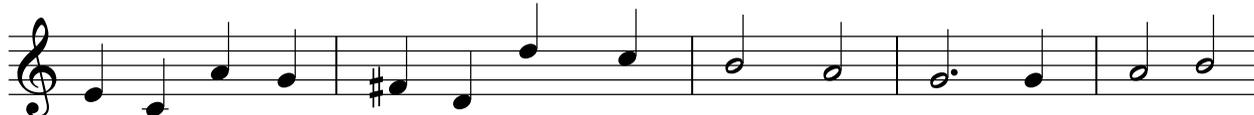
**This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end. Amen.**

The Gloria

All sing



1. Glo - ry to God on high, and peace to all on earth. We
2. Our Sav - iour, Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son, the
3. You on - ly are the Lord. You on - ly are most high. You

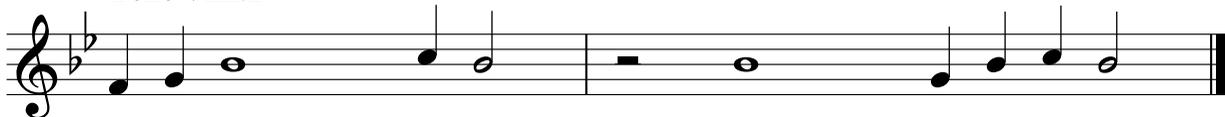


wor - ship you, we give you thanks, our heaven - ly King. We give you
sac - ri - fi - cial Lamb who saves the world from sin, have mer - cy
on - ly are the ho - ly one, Lord Je - sus Christ. And now you



praise, al - mighty God and Fa - ther blessed in glo - ry bright.
Lord. Be - side the Fa - ther's hand en - throned, now hear our prayer.
reign with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one in glo - rious light.

Tone VIII.2



People: 4. He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Is-ra^el :
and all the ends of the earth have seen the vic-to-ry of our God.

Cantor: 5. Shout with joy to the Lord, **all** you^lands :
lift up your **voice**, re-joyce, and^sing.

People: 6. Sing to the Lord with the harp :
with the harp and the voice of^song.

Cantor: 7. With trumpets and the sound of the **horn** :
shout with joy be-fore the King, the^Lord.

People: 8. Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it :
the lands and those who dwell there^in.

Cantor: 9. Let the rivers **clap** their^hands :
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he **comes** to judge the^earth,

People: 10. In righteousness shall he judge the^world :
and the peo-ples with e-qui^ty.

New Testament Reading

Please be seated

Reader: Une lecture tirée de la lettre de Saint Paul Apôtre à Tite.

Mais lorsque Dieu, notre Sauveur, a manifesté sa bonté et son amour pour les hommes, il nous a sauvés, non pas à cause de la justice de nos propres actes, mais par sa miséricorde. Par le bain du baptême, il nous a fait renaître et nous a renouvelés dans l'Esprit Saint. Cet Esprit, Dieu l'a répandu sur nous en abondance, par Jésus Christ notre Sauveur, afin que, rendus justes par sa grâce, nous devenions en espérance héritiers de la vie éternelle.

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Reader: Parole du Seigneur.

Tite 3.4-7

People: Nous rendons grâce à Dieu.

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #135 – “SHEPHERDS IN THE FIELD ABIDING”

Please stand & sing

The first two verses are sung before the Gospel, the remaining verses, after.



1. Shep - herds in the field a - bid-ing, tell us, when the ser-aph bright
2. We be - held (it is no fa - ble), God in - car - nate, king of bliss,
3. Chor - is - ters on high were sing-ing Je - sus and his vir-gin birth,
4. Thanks, good shep-herds, true your sto - ry; let us go to Beth-le - hem.



greet - ed you with won-drous ti-ding, what you saw and heard that night.
swathed and cra - dled in a sta - ble, and the an - gel strain was this:
heaven - ly bells the while a - ring-ing, "Peace, good-will to all on earth."
An - gels hymn the king of gl - ory; car - ol we with you and them.



Glo - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De-o!



Glo - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o!

TEXT: French trad.; tr. George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934), alt. MUSIC: Iris; Melody French; arr. Martin Shaw (1875-1958).

The Gospel

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: 

Glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus 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 Saviour, 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 favours!"

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 2.1-14

All: 
Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

Sermon: The Rev. Canon Steven Mackison

Please be seated

A moment of silence is observed.

The Nicene Creed

Please stand & sing



1. We be - lieve in God the Fa - ther, God al - might - y, by whose plan
 2. Vir - gin born, the child of Ma - ry Up - on whom the Spi - rit came.
 3. We be - lieve in Je - sus ris - en, Heav - en's king to rule and reign,
 4. Saints of God in one com - mun - ion, One in ho - li - ness and love.



Earth and heav - en spring to be - ing, All cre - a - ted things be - gan.
 Christ, who on the cross for - sa - ken, Like a lamb to slaugh - ter led,
 To the Fa - ther's side as - cend - ed Till as judge he comes a - gain.
 So by faith, our sins for - giv - en, Christ our Sa - viour, Lord and friend,



We be - lieve in Christ the Sav - iour, Son of God in hu - man frame.
 Suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, He de - scend - ed to the dead.
 We be - lieve in God the Spi - rit; In one Church, be - low, a - bove:
 We shall rise with him in glo - ry To the life that knows no end.

The Prayers of the People

Please kneel or be seated

Leader: Let us pray. We join with other Christians throughout the world to celebrate the birth of the Christ child. We pray for the whole church in all its incarnations and for all who work and worship in this place. Grant, Lord, that in the routine of our everyday lives we may never cease to glorify your name. Hear us, Lord:

All: **And grant us peace.**

Leader: We pray for the nations of this world; that those in authority may see the light of Christ in their own lives and that they may, in faith and humility, seek your perfect will and so lead their people to justice, freedom, and peace. Hear us, Lord.

All: **And grant us peace.**

Leader: We pray for the sick and the suffering; for the homeless and the hungry; for the lonely and the lost. I invite your prayers for those whose cares weigh heavily on your heart this Christmas Eve, spoken aloud or offered in the sanctity of silence.

A moment's pause is observed for those who wish to voice their prayers

Leader: May all who know emptiness may be filled with your abundant grace, given to us this night in the person of your Son. Hear us, Lord.

All: **And grant us peace.**

Leader: We pray for those who are dying, and those who have entered into the nearer presence of God. 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. Hear us, Lord:

All: **And grant us peace.**

Leader: Merciful Father, accept these prayers, our hearts' desires, for the sake of the one who is born in our hearts, your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Peace

Please stand

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

People: **And also with you.**

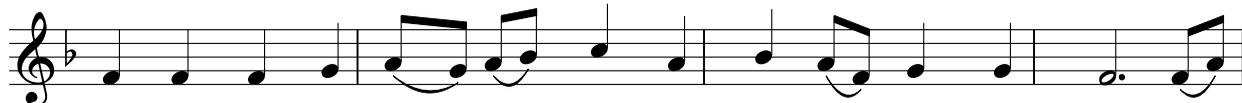
Ministrant: I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord. *(Luke 2.10-11)*

Offertory Hymn: #121 - "O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM"

All sing



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie! A -
 2. For Christ is born of Ma - a - ry, and ga - thered all a - bove, while
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous Gift is giv'n; as
 4. O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray; cast



- bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by. Yet
 mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love. O
 love im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of God's heav'n. No
 out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day. We



in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light; The
 morn - ing stars to - ge - ther, pro - claim the ho - ly birth, and
 ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin, where
 hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell; O



hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth!
 meek souls will re - ceive him still, the dear Christ en - ters in.
 come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

TEXT: Phillips Brooks
 (1835-1893). MUSIC:
 Forest Green; English trad.

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.

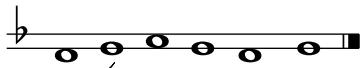
✠ The Holy Eucharist

Prayer Over the Gifts

Priest: God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

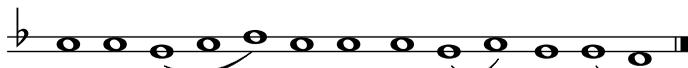
Priest: 
The Lord be with you.

People: 
And al - so 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: 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.

Sanctus – from *Messe de Minuit pour Noël* - Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643-1704) *Sung by the Choir*

Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

Please kneel or be seated

Priest: 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.

Priest: 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 be in your presence. 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." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All: **we remember his death; we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

Priest: 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.

All: **Amen.**

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 soumetts 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: We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

People: **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei – from *Messe de Minuit pour Noël* - Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643-1704) *Sung by the Choir*

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis (bis).

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

The Communion

All Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

Should you wish a blessing only, please cross your arms on your chest.

Tous les chrétiens sont invités à communier. Si vous préférez recevoir seulement la bénédiction du Seigneur, veuillez croiser vos bras sur votre poitrine.

Communion Hymn: #126 – “AWAY IN A MANGER”

All sing



1. A - way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed, the lit-tle Lord
2. The cat-tle are low-ing, the ba-by a-wakes, but lit-tle Lord
3. Be near me, Lord Je-sus; I ask you to stay close by me for



Je-sus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked
Je-sus, no cry-ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je-sus--look
ev-er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil-dren in



down where he lay, the lit-tle Lord Je-sus a-sleep on the hay.
down from on high and stay by my side un-til morn-ing is nigh.
your ten-der care, and fit us for heav-en to live with you there.

Devotional Hymn: #119 – “SILENT NIGHT”

Please kneel or sit & sing



Si - lent night, ho - ly night, All is calm, all is bright
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake at the sight;
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light;



Round yon vir - gin mo - ther and Child. Ho - ly In - fant, so
glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav'n - ly ho - sts sing
ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face with the dawn of re-



ten - der and mild, Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Sa - vior is born, Christ the Sa - vior is born!
- de - em - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

TEXT: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848). MUSIC: Stille Nacht; Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863).

Choir Anthem: Mary's Magnificat - Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

Softly a light is stealing, sweetly a maiden sings, ever wakeful, ever wistful, watching faithfully, thankfully, tenderly her King of Kings. My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. Mary, her song to Jesus softly, serenely sings: 'I will love you, I will serve you, may my lullaby glorify, magnify my King of Kings.' Lullaby, lullaby, lullaby.

Prayer after Communion

Please stand

Priest: 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.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: Glory to God

All: **whose power working in us can do 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.**

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: #138 – “HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING”

Please stand & sing



1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glor - y to the new - born King;
 2. Christ, by high - est heav’n a - dored; Christ the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3. Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners re - con - ciled!”
 late in time, be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin’s womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail th’in - car - nate de - i - ty,
 Mild he lays his glor - y by, born that we no more may die,



with th’an - gel - ic host pro - claim, “Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!”
 pleased as one of us to dwell, Je - sus our Em - man - u - el.
 born to raise each child of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.

Refrain



Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, “Glor-y to the new-born King!”

TEXT: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). MUSIC: Mendelssohn; Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847).

Dismissal

Priest: Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

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

Choir: Amen.

Postlude: Choir - In dulci jubilo (BWV 368)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Organ - In dulci jubilo (BWV 729)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)



Our Mission Statement:

"To know Christ and to make Him known" "Connaître le Christ et le faire connaître"

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.

The Flowers on the Altar today are given to the greater glory of God by the Burrowes Family in loving memory of Ellerward Mason and Murrell Mason, may their souls rest in peace and rise in glory.

The Flowers on the tablet are given to the greater glory of God by Carol Lodge in loving memory of her parents Esther and Bill Lodge and her Aunt Mary Kinsella.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2018

CHRISTMAS DAY

Isaiah 52:7-10 / John 1: 1-14

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Deborah Noonan

NEXT SUNDAY – DECEMBER 30, 2018

HOLY BAPTISM AND HOLY EUCHARIST

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 Baptism & Holy Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev. Wendy Telfer

The Church and office will be closed between December 26 and January 1 inclusive.

NOTICES

END OF YEAR REMINDER: In order to receive Income Tax credit for contributions to the church, **all** donations must be received no later than **December 31, 2018.**

