



**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**  
**HOLY EUCHARIST**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019**

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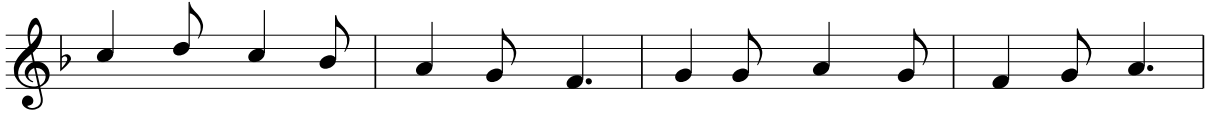
(Please join in the congregational parts of the service, which are shown in **bold print**.)

Processional Hymn: #153 – “GOOD CHRISTIANS ALL, REJOICE”

*Please stand & sing*



1. Good Chris-tians all, rej - oice with heart and soul and voice!
2. Good Chris-tians all, re - joice with heart and soul and voice!
3. Good Chris-tians all, re - joice with heart and soul and voice!



Lis - ten now to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
Hear the news of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this;  
Now you need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save:



ox and ass be - fore him bow and he is in the man-ger now!  
he has o-pened heav-en's door and we are blessed for ev - er-more!  
come at his most gra-cious call to find sal - va - tion, one and all!



Christ is born to - day; Christ is born to - day!  
Christ was born for this; Christ was born for this.  
Christ was born to save; Christ was born to save!

*TEXT: German-Latin carol (14<sup>th</sup> cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. MUSIC: Melody Geistliche Lieder, Wittenberg, 1533.*

**The Gathering of the Community**

*Please stand*

*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.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Priest:* Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*All:* Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Please be seated*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah.

I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us, and the great favour to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, 'Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely'; and he became their saviour in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

Isaiah 63.7-9

*People:* Thanks be to God.

*A moment of silence is observed*

Psalm 148: (Paraphrase) #330 – "O PRAISE YE THE LORD"

*Please stand & sing*



1 O praise ye the Lord! Give praise in the height; re-joice in God's  
2 O praise ye the Lord! Give praise up-on earth; in tune-ful ac-  
3 O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound; each ju-bi-lant  
4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks-giv-ing and song be ev-er out-



Word, ye an-gels of light; ye hea-vens, a-dore him by  
- cord, give thanks for new birth; praise God who hath brought you all  
- chord re-ec-ho a-round; loud or-gans, God's glo-ry pro-  
- poured all a-ges a-long; for love in cre-a-tion, for



whom ye were made, and wor-ship be-fore him in bright-ness ar-rayed.  
- grace from a-bove, praise God who hath taught you the path-ways of love.  
- claim in deep tone, and sweet harp, the sto-ry of what God hath done.  
- hea-ven re-stored, for grace of sal-va-tion, O praise ye the Lord!

*Reader:* Une lecture tirée de la lettre aux Hébreux

Celui pour qui et par qui tout existe voulait conduire une multitude de fils jusqu'à la gloire ; c'est pourquoi il convenait qu'il mène à sa perfection, par des souffrances, celui qui est à l'origine de leur salut. Car celui qui sanctifie, et ceux qui sont sanctifiés, doivent tous avoir même origine ; pour cette raison, Jésus n'a pas honte de les appeler ses frères, quand il dit : Je proclamerai ton nom devant mes frères, je te chanterai en pleine assemblée, et encore : Moi, je mettrai ma confiance en lui, et encore : Me voici, moi et les enfants que Dieu m'a donnés. Puisque les enfants des hommes ont en commun le sang et la chair, Jésus a partagé, lui aussi, pareille condition : ainsi, par sa mort, il a pu réduire à l'impuissance celui qui possédait le pouvoir de la mort, c'est-à-dire le diable, et il a rendu libres tous ceux qui, par crainte de la mort, passaient toute leur vie dans une situation d'esclaves. Car ceux qu'il prend en charge, ce ne sont pas les anges, c'est la descendance d'Abraham. Il lui fallait donc se rendre en tout semblable à ses frères, pour devenir un grand prêtre miséricordieux et digne de foi pour les relations avec Dieu, afin d'enlever les péchés du peuple. Et parce qu'il a souffert jusqu'au bout l'épreuve de sa Passion, il est capable de porter secours à ceux qui subissent une épreuve.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.' And again, 'I will put my trust in him.' And again, 'Here am I and the children whom God has given me.' Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

*Reader:* Parole du Seigneur.

***People:* Nous rendons grâce à Dieu.**

Hebrews 2.10-18

*A moment of silence is observed*

Sequence Hymn: #482 – “O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM”

*Please stand & sing*

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



O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie! A -  
 For Christ is born of Ma - a - ry, and ga - thered all a - bove, while  
 How si - lent-ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous Gift is giv'n; as  
 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: Herbert O'Driscoll (1928- ). © Herbert O'Driscoll. MUSIC: Beach Spring; Melody The Sacred Harp, Mason, 1844; attrib. to Benjamin Franklin White (1800-1879).

The Gospel

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

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

*All:* 

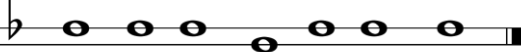
Glo-ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is

about to search for the child, to destroy him.’ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, ‘Out of Egypt I have called my son.’ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: ‘A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.’ When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.’ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, ‘He will be called a Nazorean.’

*Priest:* The Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 2.13-23

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

**Sermon:** The Rev. Canon Dr. Neil Mancor

*Please be seated*

*A moment of silence is observed.*

**The Nicene Creed**

*Please stand*

***All:* 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 Ghost 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 Ghost, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped 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.**

## The Prayers of the People

*Please kneel or be seated*

*Leader:* Let us pray to the God who travels with us in all our celebrations and tragedies; and understand what it is like to be human.

*Prayers for the church are offered*

As we celebrate Christmas, when the word of God became flesh, we pray for the Church, the Body of Christ. May we be so filled with God's loving life that our actions touch the world with hope which lasts even when Christmas decorations are put away. Thank you, Lord God:

*All:* **For coming to save us.**

*Leader:* May the reality of a God who loves us so much transform our social and political thinking, and energize our plans and negotiations.

*Prayers for the world are offered*

*Leader:* We ask for a widespread desire for the qualities of compassion and integrity to be made manifest in the lives of all in authority. Thank you, Lord God:

*All:* **For coming to save us.**

*Leader:* We pray for the sick, the suffering, the lonely, the lost, and all who seek home.

*The names of the sick and suffering are offered*

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

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

*Leader:* We pray for all missing persons and their families, all who are rethinking their direction, all who find life full of contradictions. Thank you, Lord God:

*All:* **For coming to save us.**

*Leader:* We pray for those who have come to the end of their earthly life, especially any who are unprepared.

*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. Loving God, welcome into your kingdom all whose lives show them to be your servants. Prepare us all to meet you with confidence, that all hurts will be healed, all wrongs made right, and all sins forgiven. Thank you, Lord God:

*All:* **For coming to save us.**

*Leader:* Lord, we recognize our great need of your grace, and give you thanks and praise for making possible what would otherwise be impossible. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

## The Peace

*Please stand*

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

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Ministrant:* Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. (*Colossians 3.15,16*)

## Offertory Hymn: #140 – “IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR”

*All sing*



1. It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glor-ious song of  
 2. Still through the clov-en skies they come with peace-ful wings un-  
 3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suf-fered  
 4. And ye, be-neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend-ing  
 5. For lo! the days are hast-ening on, by pro-phet bards fore-



old, from an-gels bend-ing near the earth, to  
 - furred, and still their heaven-ly mu-sic floats o'er  
 long; be-neath the an-gel strain have rolled two  
 low, who toil a-long the climb-ing way with  
 - told, when with the ev-er circ-ling years comes



touch their harps of gold; “Peace on the earth, good  
 all the wear-y world; a-bove its sad, and  
 thou-sand years of wrong; and man, at war with  
 pain-ful steps and slow, look now! for glad and  
 round the age of gold; when peace shall o-ver



will to men, from Heaven's all gra-cious King.” the  
 low-ly plains, they bend on hov-ering wing, and  
 man, hears not the love song which they bring; O  
 gold-en hours come swift-ly on the wing, O  
 all the earth its an-cient splen-dors fling, and



world in sol-lemn still-ness lay, to hear the an-gels sing.  
 ev-er over its Ba-bel sounds the bless-ed an-gels sing.  
 hush the noise, ye men of strife and hear the an-gels sing.  
 rest be-side the wear-y road, and hear the an-gels sing!  
 the whole world send back the song which now the an-gels sing.

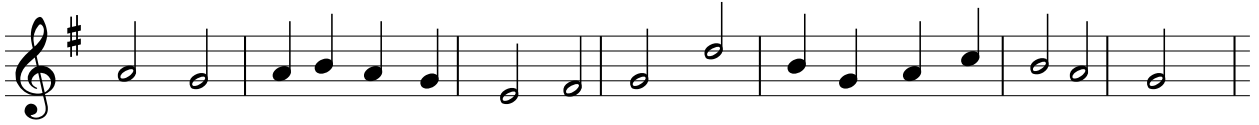


# Offertory Sentence

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.

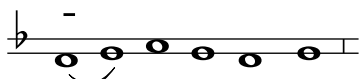
## ✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist (*Eucharistic prayer 3 preface incarnation*)


### Prayer Over the Gifts


*Priest:* God of light, in the birth of your Son we see your glory. May we who share in this mystery grow daily in your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

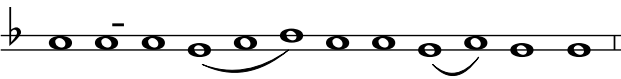
*All:* Amen.

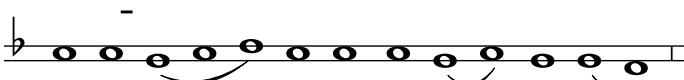
*Priest:*   
The Lord be with you.

*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, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of salvation in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Now with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might. Ho-ly, ho-ly,



ho-ly Lord, God of power and might, heav-en and earth are full,



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est, 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, ho - san-na in the high - est.

*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. 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." 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.**

### **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 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.**

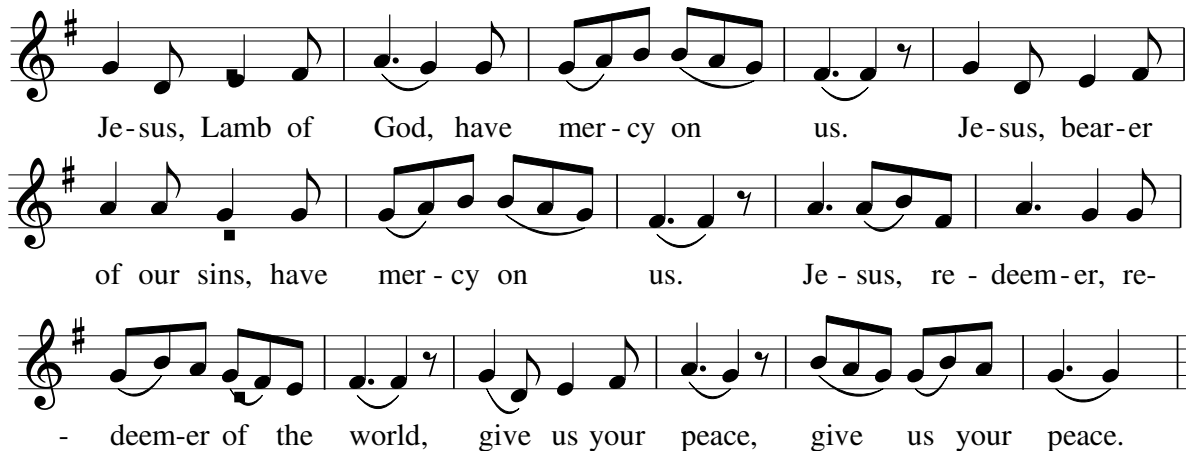
### **The Breaking of the Bread** (*Fraction 6*)

*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.**



Je-sus, Lamb of God, have mer-cy on us. Je-sus, bear-er  
of our sins, have mer-cy on us. Je-sus, re-deem-er, re-  
- deem-er of the world, give us your peace, give us your peace.

## The Communion

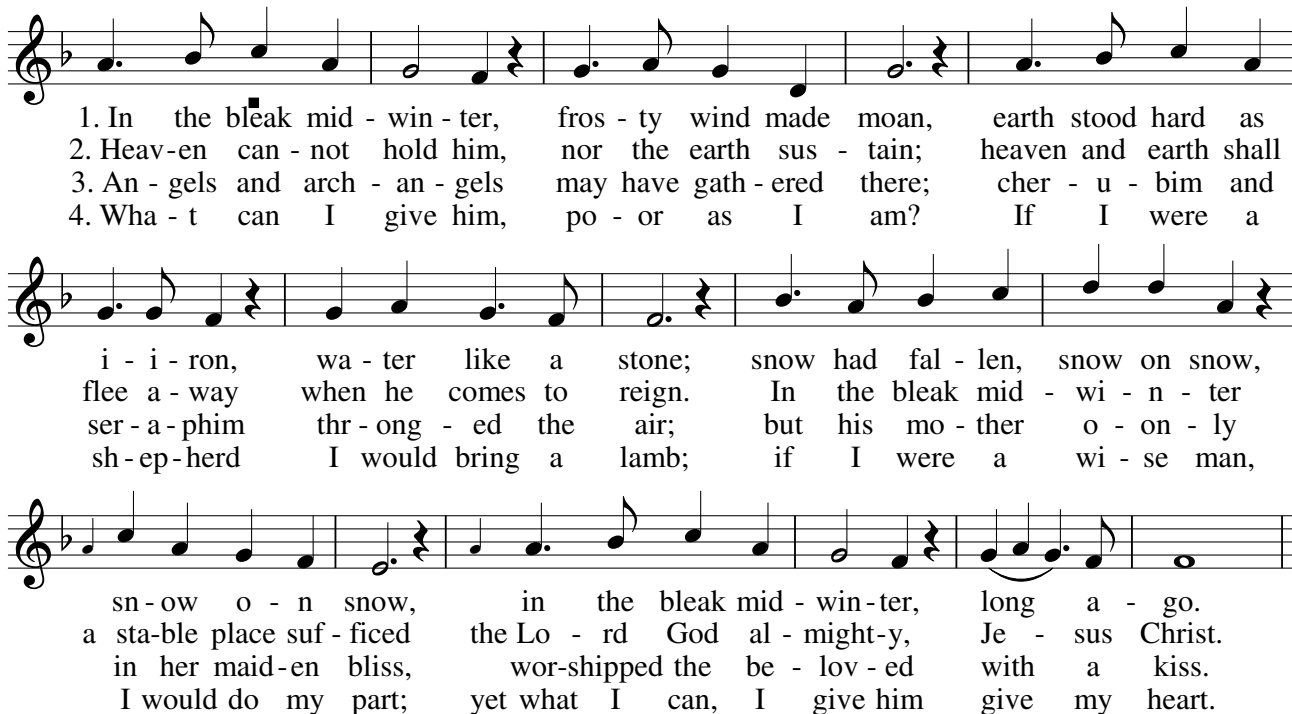
*All Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.*

*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: #122 – “IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER”

All sing



1. In the bleak mid-winter, fros-ty wind made moan, earth stood hard as  
2. Heav-en can-not hold him, nor the earth sus-tain; heaven and earth shall  
3. An-gels and arch-an-gels may have gath-ered there; cher-u-bim and  
4. Wha-t can I give him, po-or as I am? If I were a  
i-i-ron, wa-ter like a stone; snow had fal-len, snow on snow,  
flee a-way when he comes to reign. In the bleak mid-wi-n-ter  
ser-a-phim thr-ong-ed the air; but his mo-ther o-on-ly  
sh-ep-herd I would bring a lamb; if I were a wi-se man,  
sn-ow o-n snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long a-go.  
a sta-ble place suf-ficed the Lo-rd God al-might-y, Je-sus Christ.  
in her maid-en bliss, wor-shipped the be-lov-ed with a kiss.  
I would do my part; yet what I can, I give him give my heart.

## Prayer after Communion

*Please stand*

*Priest:* Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

*All:* **Amen.**

*Priest:* Glory to God

*Please stand*

*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

### Announcements

*Please be seated*

### Recessional Hymn: #123 – “ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID’S CITY”

*Please stand & sing*



1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle  
2. He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of  
3. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing



shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his  
all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a  
by, we shall see him, but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on



bed. Ma - ry was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.  
stall. With the poor and mean and lowly lived on earth our Sav - iour holy.  
high, when, like stars, his chil - dren crowned all in white shall gath - er round.

TEXT: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895). MUSIC: Irby; Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876).

## Dismissal

*Priest:* Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia!

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



## Our Motto

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



## Our Mission Statement:

To actively witness to the faith that is given to each of us as we open our hearts and minds to God, and to share this wholeheartedly with those who live, work and study in downtown Montreal through the transforming love of Jesus and the empowering of the Holy Spirit.

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.

**There will be no Wednesday Eucharist on January 1st**

**The office will be closed from December 24<sup>th</sup> to January 1 inclusive.**

**NEXT SUNDAY – JANUARY 5, 2020**

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Isaiah 60.1-6 / Ephesians 3.1-12 / Matthew 2:1-12

9:00 a.m.	Holy Communion (Chapel) <i>Preacher:</i> The Rev. Deborah Noonan
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist</b> <i>Preacher:</i> The Rev. Deborah Noonan


## NOTICES

**CELEBRATION SUNDAY** – If it is your birthday during the month of **December** or you are celebrating a significant life event, please let the office know. We will have cake or goodies to mark the occasion and read the names of those who are celebrating **that month**. We will celebrate the December and January birthdays in January.

**WORKSHOPS ON THE MISSION STATEMENT.** Rev. Neil will lead 3 sessions to work on our mission statement related to our vision which is caring, connecting, community. The Workshops will be on **January 5, 12 and 19 following the 10:30 service.**

**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, 2019.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

 **CIVITAS<sup>x</sup>, “MEALS TO THE STREETS” – Saturday, January 18th** Our volunteer base is growing and we need members of St-George’s community to join us to provide a welcoming presence and to fill in where needed. Join us to have fun and do good with our partners PEACE Initiatives Canada, a Muslim-led non-profit and many others when we will make and deliver our 5000<sup>th</sup> meal together. For more information, please speak to Deborah Hinton, Honor Barrett or Carole Kapelanski at the church office.

