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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24th, 2022

7 pm Choral Eucharist (BAS)

Missa in Nativitate Domini – Joseph Rheinberger

Prelude

Noel étranger – Louis-Claude D'Aquin
Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her – Johann Pachelbel
Christmas Prelude on "Quem pastores" – Paul Fey

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Hymn

Adeste Fideles

**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.**

Greeting

Dear friends, we gather this night on traditional Anishinaabe Algonquin territory.

May we always dwell on this land with respect and peace.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Almighty God,

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.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

O God our Creator, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem, may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL WITH CAROLS

Luke 1:26-28

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favoured one, the Lord is with you."

Carol

Sing of a Girl – arr. Malcolm Archer

Sing of a girl in the ripening wheat, flowers in her hand, the sun in her hair. All the world will run to her feet for the child that mother will bear. Sing of a girl that the angels surround, dust in her hand, and straw in her hair. Kings and their crowns will fall to the ground before the child that mother will bear. Sing of a girl on a hillside alone, blood on her hand, and grey in her hair. Sing of a body broken and torn. Oh, the child that mother will bear! Sing of the girl that a new man will meet, hand in his hand, the wind in her hair. Joy will rise as golden as wheat with the child that mother will bear. Sing of a girl in a

circle of love, fire on her head, the light in her hair. Sing of the hearts the spirit will move to love the child that mother will bear! Sing of a girl who will never grow old, joy in her eyes and gold in her hair. Through the ages men will be told of the child that mother will bear.

Luke 2:1-5

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.

Carol

The Little Road to Bethlehem – Michael Head

As I walked down the road at set of sun, the lambs were coming homewards, one by one, I heard a sheep-bell softly calling them along the little road to Bethlehem. Beside an open door as I drew nigh, I heard sweet Mary sing a lullaby. She sang about the lambs at close of day and rocked her tiny King among the hay. Across the air the silver sheep-bell rang, "The lambs are coming home," sweet Mary sang, "Your Star of gold is shining in the sky, so sleep my little King, go lullaby."

Luke 2:7-14

And Mary 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 heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to God's people on earth."

Carol

The Angels' Carol – John Rutter

Have you heard the sounds of the angel voices ringing out so sweetly, ringing out so clear? Have you seen the star shining out so brightly as a sign from God that Christ the Lord is here? Have you heard the news that they bring from heaven to the humble shepherds who have waited long? Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo! Hear the angels sing their joyful song. He is come in peace in the winter's stillness, like a gentle snowfall in the gentle night. He is come in joy, like the sun at morning, filling all the world with radiance and with light. He is come in love as the child of Mary. In a simple stable we have seen his birth. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo! Hear the angels singing ' Peace on earth'. He will bring new light to a world in darkness, like a bright star

shining in the skies above. He will bring new hope to the waiting nations. When he comes to reign in purity and love. Let the earth rejoice at the Saviour's coming. Let the heavens answer with the joyful morn: Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo! Hear the angels singing, 'Christ is born'.

Luke 2:15-16

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.

Hymn

Greensleeves

**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?
This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

**Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Let us pray.

Jesus, whose mother was Mary: we give thanks for those who have been parents to us, and for your own coming into this world. We hold in prayer before you all families of every size and description, but especially those whose family life is broken in some way, through abuse, bereavement, estrangement, debt, depression or distance.

Silence.

Jesus, as Joseph and Mary were bound to each other in love for you, draw each of us to those whom you have purposed us to love, that we might do so with patience and perseverance, insight and inspiration.

In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Jesus, cradled in a manger: we give thanks for those places we regard as safe, warm and welcoming, acknowledging the blessing of the security we experience. We hold in prayer before you all those who are homeless and living rough on the streets, prey to violence, disease and in some cases their own addictions, and all those refugees living a long way from home in an effort to find a measure of safety, and provide food and shelter for their children.

Silence.

Jesus, as Mary gently cradled you, hold in your loving care each desperate individual and struggling family, that with Mary and Joseph they might know your presence and one day come to proclaim your glory.

In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Jesus, sharing the stable with the animals: we give thanks for the wonders of your creation which you came into so that we might know your light and life. We hold in prayer before you those things we have done to your world which have damaged it to breaking point, our greed to possess the best of everything, and our obsession with draining away the gifts and wonders of what we call the natural world.

Silence.

Jesus, as the animals brought warmth to your first hours on earth, give us the humility to set greed aside, and the strength of will to use wisely the resources you provide.

In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Jesus, worshipped by shepherds and kings: we give thanks for the diversity of cultures, nations and races which are together what makes us in the likeness of God. We hold in prayer before you those disputed regions of the world, where diversity of opinion or politics forms a barrier to peaceful co-existence, and where borders and barriers seek to hide brutal injustice, terror and torture.

Silence.

Jesus, just as you were brought gifts, help us to use wisely those gifts of forgiveness and reconciliation which you have given us for the good of all nations.

In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Jesus, our Emmanuel: we give thanks that you came not only in the form of a human baby, but continue to dwell with us through the power of your Holy Spirit. We hold in prayer before you those in particular need of the knowledge of your presence with them, that through your Spirit they might know your strength, your healing, your peace and your amazing love for them.

Silence.

Jesus, just as you come to us daily, may we consciously make time to come to you, not just this Christmas, but every day of our lives.

In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Jesus, we give thanks to you our living God: born of the Virgin Mary, revealed in glory, worshipped by the angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, exalted to the highest heavens. Blessed be God, our strength and our salvation, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming sinners and inviting us to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

Iris

Shepherds in the field abiding, tell us, when the seraph bright
greeted you with wondrous tiding, what you saw and heard that night.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

We beheld (it is no fable), God incarnate, king of bliss,
swathed and cradled in a stable, and the angel strain was this:
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Choristers on high were singing, Jesus and his virgin birth,
heavenly bells the while a-ringing "Peace, good will to all on earth."
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Thanks, good shepherds, true your story, let us go to Bethlehem.
Angels hymn the king of glory, carol we with you and them.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!



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THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer Over the Gifts

Generous Creator, in faith and joy we celebrate the birth of your Son. Increase our understanding and our love of the riches you have revealed in him, who is Lord now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts.

When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation.

Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever. **Amen.**

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 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.

Breaking of the Bread

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

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

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Angus Dei

Communion

All are welcome to come to the altar rail. If you wish prayers for healing before receiving Communion, please carry an Order of Service with you; to receive a blessing, cross your hands over your chest; for a gluten-free wafer, hold out one hand; for a regular wafer, hold out two hands. Please do not dip the bread in the wine.

Motets

Ave Maria – Franz Schubert

Ave Maria gratia plena, Dominus tecum, benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui Jesu. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Carol of the Bells – Mykola Leontovich

Hark! how the bells, sweet silver bells, All seem to say, "throw cares away." Christmas is here bringing good cheer, To young and old, meek and the bold. Ding, dong, ding, dong, that is their song, With joyful ring, all carolling. One seems to hear words of good cheer From everywhere, filling the air. Oh, how they pound, raising the sound O'er hill and dale, telling their tale. Gaily they ring, while people sing, Songs of good cheer, Christmas is here! Merry Christmas! On they send without end, their joyful tone to every home.

THE SENDING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prayer after Communion

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. **Amen.**

Glory to God,

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.

Blessing and Dismissal

May the hope, peace, joy, and love of the Christ child be in your hearts and in your home this Christmas; and may the blessing of God, Creator, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Antioch

**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.**

**Joy to the earth! 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.**

**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.**

**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, and wonders of his love.**

Postlude

Toccata on "Joy to the World" – Martin Setchell

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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SERVICES

Christmas Day, December 25th

8:30 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

10:30 am Choral Eucharist with Children's Homily at the Crèche

New Year's Day, January 1st

Noon New Year's Day Eucharist and Reception
with the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada

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