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## All Saints' Westboro



*A Window in St. Matthew's, Ottawa  
Photo by Christopher Dunn*

**December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**Christmas Eve**  
**10:00 pm**

**Zoom broadcast that will also be recorded**

The Ven. Christopher Dunn  
The Rev. Canon John Wilker-Blakley  
The Rev. Deacon Jarrett Carty  
Music: Edith Troup  
Children and Youth: Julie Newlands

Officiant: Dear friends, as we gather on the unceded and unsundered Territory of the Anishnaabeg Algonquin Nation, whose presence here reaches back to time immemorial,

**All: May we walk gently together on this land, seeking renewed relationship based on honour, respect, and peace.**

Opening Hymn: **O Come, All Ye Faithful**

**#118**

**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.**

**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, 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.**

Officiant: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

**All: A light no darkness can extinguish.**

Officiant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Officiant: Blessed are you, Lord our God, our eternal Father and David's king.

**All: You have made our gladness greater and increased our joy by sending to dwell among us the Wonderful Counsellor, the Prince of Peace. Born of Mary, proclaimed to the shepherds, and acknowledged to the ends of the earth, your unconquered Son of righteousness destroys our darkness and establishes us in freedom. All glory in the highest**

**be to you, through Christ, the Son of your favour, in the anointing love of his Spirit, this night and forever and ever. Amen.**

Officiant: Eternal God who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light:

**All: bring us, who know the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **Old Testament Lesson from Isaiah (62:6-12)**

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have laboured; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 97**

One: The Lord is king!

**All: Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!**

One: Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;

**All: righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

One: Fire goes before him,

**All: and consumes his adversaries on every side.**

One: His lightnings light up the world;

**All:**            **the earth sees and trembles.**  
 One:            The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,  
**All:**            **before the Lord of all the earth.**  
 One:            The heavens proclaim his righteousness;  
**All:**            **and all the peoples behold his glory.**  
 One:            All worshippers of images are put to shame, those who  
                   make their boast in worthless idols;  
**All:**            **all gods bow down before him.**  
 One:            Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice,  
**All:**            **because of your judgments, O God.**  
 One:            For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;  
**All:**            **you are exalted far above all gods.**  
 One:            The Lord loves those who hate evil; he guards the lives  
                   of his faithful;  
**All:**            **he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**  
 One:            Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in  
                   heart.  
**All:**            **Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give**  
                   **thanks to his holy name!**

**New Testament Lesson from Titus (3:4-7)**

But 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:    Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All:**            **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: **While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks**    **#136**

**While shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
 all seated on the ground,  
 the angel of the Lord came down  
 and glory shone around.**

**“Fear not,” said he, for mighty dread  
 had seized their troubled mind.**

**“Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
 to you and humankind.**

**To you in David's town this day  
is born of David's line  
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;  
and this shall be the sign:**

**the heavenly babe you there shall find  
to human view displayed,  
all meanly wrapped in swaddling bands,  
and in a manger laid.”**

**Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith  
appeared a shining throng  
of angels praising God, who thus  
addressed their joyful song:**

**“All glory be to God on high,  
and to the world be peace;  
good will henceforth from heaven to earth  
begin, and never cease.”**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Luke (2:1-20).

**All: 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 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!” 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.

Officiant: The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Homily

Officiant: 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.**

### Prayers of the People

One: On this most holy night, we recall the birth of Christ, who brings life to our world in the form of a vulnerable, dependent baby. During this season when many rejoice and bask in the love of family and friends, let us be especially mindful of those for whom this is a challenging time of sadness, loneliness, or disappointment. May the helpless baby remind us that we rely on each other for basic sustenance, for love, for support, and for all that we need in order to grow and develop to our full potential. Baby Jesus,

**All: in our interdependence, we rejoice and take heart.**

One: Darkness surrounds us: the pandemic, social ills, war and injustice, exploitation, division and derision. Yet we know that the one, true light shines through the darkness. We too, can shine brightly and be a source of hope and inspiration for others. Baby Jesus,

**All: guide us to be light and hope for all God's people.**

One: Together, we create community and transform our broken world. We give thanks for all who lead, guide, and inspire us: Linda, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; Mark, our Indigenous Archbishop; Shane, our bishop; Chris and Jarrett, our clergy; Brian, Pastor of First United; and for faith and secular leaders throughout the world. Tonight, we give thanks especially for those who labour on behalf of others: medical staff, police and firefighters, emergency shelter workers, armed forces personnel, all essential workers, and any whose work prevents them from sharing tonight in the celebration of Christ's birth. Baby Jesus,

**All:** in our gratitude, we remember all these who sustain us.

One: We pray now for those who need Christ's loving care:

**All:** **Betty-Joan** (Hagerman); **Cheryl** (McTeer); **Michele** (Pollesel); **Randy** (Brown); **Charlie** (Cuffari); **Barbara** (Hill); **Ernest** (Betancourt); **Tony** (Fisher); **Helen** (Miller); **William** (Blackie); **Brenda** (Fuche); **Irene** (Lowry); **Pat** (Broome); **Laura** (DesClouds); **Lois** (Frazier-Nagel); **Susan** (Gates); **Sue** (Wise); **Sarah** (Vedell); **Aneesa** (Yonan); **Penny** (Rowe); **Andrea** (Smith); **Shari** (Rathwell); **Viola** (Martin)

One: and those whom we name, silently or aloud . . . . Baby Jesus,

**All:** **help us to share your healing presence with them.**

One: Many have died during this past year, some known to us, many unknown. Each is precious, each a child of God. Let us remember them now—those named on the flower list, those we carry in our hearts, and those whom we name silently or aloud . . . . Comfort all those who mourn. Baby Jesus,

**All:** **ignite in us compassion, and a fervour to live in communion now, with each other, and with all those who have gone before us.**

One: Baby Jesus, on this eve of your birth, we beseech you to lovingly hear these prayers of your people, and to grant us our own re-birth in your image.

**All:** **Amen.**

Officiant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to the table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

Officiant: Most merciful God,

**All:** **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.**

Officiant: 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.

**All: Amen**

Officiant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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**Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn 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!”**

*Refrain: Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King!”*

**Christ, by highest heaven adored;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail, the incarnate deity,  
pleased as one of us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!**

*Refrain*

**Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild, he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth.**

*Refrain*

Officiant: Source of light and gladness,  
**All: accept all we offer on this joyful feast. May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours; for he is Lord now and for ever. Amen.**

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Officiant: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Officiant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Officiant: 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.

**All: 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.**

Officiant: 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, according to his command,

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

Officiant: 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 God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

Officiant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we say,

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

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

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

Officiant: The gifts of God for the People of God.  
All: **Thanks be to God.**

*Communion*

**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 on 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.**

*We invite those joining us from home to light a Candle  
and join in the singing of Away in a Manger:*

**Away in a manger,  
no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus  
laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky  
looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus  
asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing,  
the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus,  
no crying he makes.  
I love you Lord Jesus—  
look down from on high  
and stay by my side  
until morning is nigh**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus,  
I ask you to stay  
close by me forever  
and love me I pray.  
Bless all the dear children  
in your tender care,  
and fit us for heaven  
to live with you there.**

**Officiant:** Faithful God,

**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. Amen.

**Officiant:** 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, forever and ever. Amen.

**Officiant:** Christ is born!

**All:** God's loving power enfolds our fearfulness.

Officiant: God's presence is known and felt and celebrated amongst us.

**All: God's Word comes home, and sends us out to serve with compassion.**

Officiant: And the blessing . . .

**All: Amen.**

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**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.**



**Sharing in our liturgical ministry today:**

Readers: Dawn Conway and Marcie Taylor  
Cantor: Dawn Conway  
Server: Chris Kirch  
Intercessor: Marcie Taylor

Credits:

*Collect from Common Worship 2000*

*Readings from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible*

*Psalm reprinted from A Liturgical Psalter, General Synod 2016 edition*

*Liturgical Texts from The Book of Alternative Services.*

*Affirmation of Faith from A New Zealand Prayer Book*

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Glory of God and in loving memory of:

Olwyn, Allan, Tim (and Arlo) Schooli  
by Helen, Mike, and Devin Norman

Ken and Gretha Cavanagh  
by their daughter and son-in-law, Lillian and Jack Paul

Amo and Bern Taylor, Eleanor Stojanovich, Anne Fitt  
by Carran Taylor

A beloved mother and aunt  
by Elsie Bachinski

Etta Wiseman  
by Dan, Beth, Pat, Jamie, Sarah, and Barb and Doug

**Christmas And Epiphany at All Saints' Westboro**  
**All Services will be broadcast on Zoom**

**First Sunday of Christmas, December 26<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am Sung Eucharist

**Thursday, December 30<sup>th</sup>**

3:00 to 7:00 pm Westboro Region Food Bank

**Epiphany, Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

9:30 am Sung Eucharist



*Snowy Owl, Ottawa (Photo by Christopher Dunn)*