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Christmas Day

10:00 am

Zoom broadcast that will also be recorded

The Ven. Christopher Dunn
The Rev. Deacon Jarrett Carty
Music: Edith Troup
Children and Youth: Julie Newlands

Preludes

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.**

**Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

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

All: And also with you.

Officiant: We are children of God.

All: God's Word has come into the world in Jesus.

Officiant: God's light has enlightened the world through Jesus.

All: God's gracious gifts are received with Jesus.

Officiant: God's love is wonderfully shown in Jesus.

All: We are children of God.

Officiant: 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.

Officiant: Lord Jesus Christ,

All: your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God. Amen.

The First Reading is from Isaiah (52:7-10)

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98: Joy to the World

#154

**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, wonders of his love.**

The Second Reading is from Hebrews (1:1-4)

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

#138

**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*

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (1:1-14).

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Officiant: Let us make an affirmation of faith, as we say,
All: You, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure. You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now. You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death. You are our God. We worship you.

Prayers of the People

One: Our Lord Jesus Christ has commanded us to pray for one another. Let us therefore pray for God's people everywhere, according to their specific needs. We pray for the needs of the whole Church and, especially here in Canada, we ask your blessings on Linda, our Primate; Mark, our Indigenous Archbishop; Anne, our Metropolitan; Shane, our Bishop; and Chris and Jarrett, our Clergy. We pray for all bishops, clergy, and people.
All: Bless your servants in this congregation that, nourished by your word and sacraments, we may minister in faithfulness to you and in love with one another.

One: As we enter a new year, we ask that you guide the leaders of the world; may they put aside their own ambitions and strive for peace and justice among nations. We pray that all people of all nations will strive to share what they have in common and not what divides them.

All: Lord, be the light on the path of life.

One: In this difficult time that has precluded many from anticipated travel and family reunions, may the joy and

spirit of Christmas remain with us all, and may gatherings soon be part of our lives again.

All: Lord, be a comfort to all and strengthen our hope for a brighter future.

One: We ask you to bless all those who work on this Christmas Day in health care, emergency support, transportation, and other fields, while we celebrate the joy of this season.

All: We thank the Lord for all they do for us.

One: Within our Parish we pray for the sick and the suffering, especially:

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 for those we name silently or aloud. . . . We pray to you, O Lord.

All: Gracious God, grant health and wholeness to the sick, and give patience and understanding to those who minister to them.

One: We remember those who have died, especially for those we name silently or aloud. . . . Give them eternal rest and may their memories be a blessing to those who mourn.

All: We ask you Lord to comfort those who have lost loved ones, that their sorrow may be turned to joy.

One: As we go forward on the pilgrimage of life, may we continue to carry our faith and the spirit of Christmas, which enriches our lives.

All: All these things we ask in the name of him who came as the light in the darkness of our world, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: **Good Christians All, Rejoice**

#153

**Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Listen now to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow
and he is in the manger now!
Christ is born today; Christ is born today!**

**Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Hear the news of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this;
he has opened heaven's door
and we are blessed for evermore!
Christ was born for this; Christ was born for this.**

**Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Now you need not fear the grave;
Jesus Christ was born to save:
come at his most gracious call
to find salvation one and all!
Christ was born to save; Christ was born to save!**

Officiant: Generous Creator,

**All: 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 forever. 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: 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 saying:

**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: 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.

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Officiant: 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.

All: Amen.

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

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is 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.

Officiant: Source of truth and joy,

All: 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 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: May the song of the angels,

All: the joy of the shepherds,

Officiant: and the peace of the Christ child

All: be with us this day and always.

Officiant: And the blessing of God

All: Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn: **See Amid the Winter's Snow**

#148

**See amid the winter's snow,
born for us on earth below,
see, the tender Lamb appears,
promised from eternal years!**

Refrain: **Hail, thou ever blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.**

**Lo, within a manger lies
he who built the starry skies,
who enthroned in height sublime
sits amid the cherubim.**

Refrain

**Say, ye humble shepherds, say
what your joyful news today;
wherefore have ye left your sheep
on the lonely mountain steep?**

Refrain

**“As we watched at dead of night,
lo, we saw a wondrous light;
angels, singing ‘Peace on earth’
told us of the Saviour's birth.”**

Refrain

**Sacred infant, all divine,
what a mighty love was thine,
thus to come from highest bliss
down to such a world as this!**

Refrain

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Sharing in our liturgical ministry today:

Readers: Eric Bays and Toni Larsen

Cantor: Patricia Bays

Server: Chris Kirch

Intercessor: Toni Larsen

Credits:

Opening Prayers from David Sparks Prayers to Share, Yr. C

Collects from the Common Worship: Additional Collects 2004 and Resources for Worship.

Readings from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

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