

EASY PRINT – Christmas Eve - December 24, 2025

Prelude

Call to Worship: - “HAVE YOU HEARD”

sung by the quartet

Please rise in body or spirit & sing

Processional Hymn: #118 – “O’ COME ALL YE FAITHFUL”

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.

✠ The Blessing of the Crèche

The children will gather to assist with assembling the Creche figures.

*Afterwards, those who wish may go with our children's minister to the Parish Hall,
returning for communion. Children may also stay with their families.*

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.**

The Collect of the Day

Priest: Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true
light. As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, bring us to see
the splendour of your heavenly glory through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is
alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

Reader: A Reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah.

Please be seated

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy: they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Isaiah 9.2-7

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm # 96

Please remain seated & sing

The Cantor sings the refrain, all repeat



Verse: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to God, all the whole earth. Bless the name of God in song; proclaim the good news of salvation from day to day.

REFRAIN

All sing the refrain

Verse: Sing glory among the nations, God's wonders among all peoples. God is great and greatly to be praised; more to be feared than all gods. **REFRAIN**

All sing the refrain

Verse: As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but it tis the Holy One who made the heavens. How majestic and splendid is God! How wonderful God's holy temple! **REFRAIN**

All sing the refrain

Verse: Ascribe to our God, you families of the peoples; ascribe to our God honour and power. To the Holy Name ascribe due honour; enter the hallowed courts with gifts. **REFRAIN**

All sing the refrain

Verse: Worship God in the beauty of holiness; Let the earth tremble in awe and wonder. Tell it out among the nations: “Our God reigns, who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved. Who judges the peoples with equity.” Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; Let the sea thunder and all that tis in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein. **REFRAIN**

All sing the refrain

Verse: Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at the coming of our God. Who will come to judge the earth. God will judge the world with righteousness and with truth for the peoples of the earth. **REFRAIN**



Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus.

Please be seated

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Titus 2.11-14

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Please rise in body or spirit & sing

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

The first two verses are sung before the Gospel.

Shepherds in the field abiding, tell us, when the seraph bright
greeted you with wondrous tidings 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!

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: 

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went up 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, 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.

The last two verses will be sung; after the Gospel.

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!

Sermon *The Reverend Daniel Brereton*

Please be seated

Choir Anthem - “STILL, STILL, STILL”

The Nicene Creed

Please rise in body or spirit

Priest: 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.**

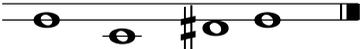
All: **We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the 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.**

The Prayers of the People

Please kneel or be seated

The Leader offers prayers for the church, the world, the sick and the suffering, and those who have died.

Priest: In this holy season in which God joined heaven and earth, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all those in need, responding to the words “Hear us Lord” singing:

All: 
Lord, grant us peace.

Priest: As you gave Mary your Holy Spirit, filling her with the delight of your Presence; Fill us with your Spirit, and renew our lives. Hear us, Lord.

All: **Lord, grant us peace.**

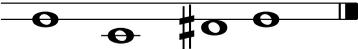
Priest: As angels sang 'gloria' to you and proclaimed peace on earth, and goodwill among all peoples; Bring us your peace, and bring an end to terror, strife, sickness and suffering. We pray for all who are ill or in need (*prayers for the sick*). Hear us, Lord.

All: **Lord, grant us peace.**

Priest: As shepherds were drawn away from their flocks by night; Draw those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of Christ. Lead us all into a deeper relationship with you in the coming year. Hear us, Lord.

All: **Lord, grant us peace.**

Priest: As Jesus was laid in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn; Be especially present with those who have nowhere to lay their head, those who are vulnerable, or hungry. Help us to be generous in our assistance. Hear us, Lord.

All: 
Lord, grant us peace.

Priest: As the Holy Family gathered together in Bethlehem, and traveled together to far off lands; bless all families, especially the families of our parish; keep them strong and united. Bless refugee families seeking a better life and reconcile divided families here at home. Hear us, Lord.

All: **Lord, grant us peace.**

Priest: As your Son came to proclaim the forgiveness of sins, and the gift of Life Eternal; Give to the departed eternal rest and let Light perpetual shine on them...(*prayers for the dead*). Hear us, Lord.

All: **Lord, grant us peace.**

Priest: Almighty God,

All: **you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests.**

All: **Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Peace

Please rise in body or spirit

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

People: **And also with you.**

The ministry of the church depends on the generosity of it's members.

We give in the thanksgiving for all that God has given us.

The greeters will circulate the offering plates through the congregation.

Offertory Hymn: #136– “WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS” *All sing*

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.

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. A-men.

✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Priest: Source of light and gladness, 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.

All: **Amen.**

Prisider: The Lord be with you. *People:* And al - so 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.

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

----- Ho-ly Ho-ly Ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might;

Heav'n and Earth are full of your glo - ry, 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.

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 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 children; 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 for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

All sing unaccompanied

Presider:

People:



As our Sav-iour taught us let us pray. Our Fath - er in hea-ven,



hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom come, your will be done,



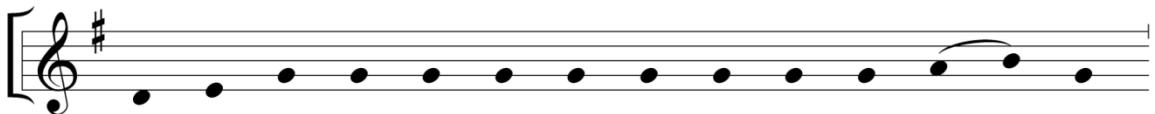
on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to - dav our dai - ly bread.



For - give us our sins, as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of trial. And de - liv - er us from e - vil.



now and for ev - er. A - men.

*Music: M. Robinson
Theodore Presser Co.*

Priest: 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.**

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Priest: If you are joining us from home, please pray with me this prayer for Spiritual Communion.

The following is said by the Priest and those worshipping with us online.

Online: Lord Jesus, you are the Word that became flesh, to dwell among us, and you are the Bread sent down from heaven to nourish us; until I can receive the Bread of Life, let the Word of Life dwell in my heart and keep me always in yours. I pray in your Holy Name.

All: **Amen.**

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

All sing

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world, have mer-cy, have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.

The Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

Please come forward to the Altar rail and stand or kneel as you prefer.

Indicate to the priest if you would like to have him intinct the wafer for you.

Communion Hymn: # 120 - "LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM"

All sing

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 the 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.

Communion Hymn – #122 - "IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER"

All sing

In the bleak mid-winter frosty wind made moan;
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter long ago.

Our God, heav'n cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain,
Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign:
In the bleak mid-winter a stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Angels and Archangels may have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
But only His Mother in her maiden bliss
Worshipped the Beloved with a kiss.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a Shepherd I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give Him - give my heart.

Devotional Hymn: #119– “NIGHT OF SILENCE/SILENT NIGHT” *Soloist and choir*

*Soloist and choir begin the hymn while the congregations' candles are lit
then all join the choir in singing Silent Night in bolded text.*

*Cold are the people, winter of life, we tremble in shadows this cold endless night.
Frozen in the snow lay roses sleeping, flowers that will echo the sun rise,
Fire of hope is our only warmth weary, it's flame will be dying soon.*

*Voice in the distance, call in the night, on wind you enfold us you speak of the light.
Gently on the ear you whisper softly rumours of a dawn so embracing,
Breathless love awaits darken souls soon we will know of the morning.*

*Spirit among us, shine like the star, your light that guides the shepherds and kings from
afar.*

*Shimmer in the sky so empty, lonely, rising in the warmth of your Son's love.
Star unknowing of night and day spirit we wait for your loving Son.*

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright *All sing*
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.**

Prayer after Communion

Please kneel or be seated

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

Please rise in body or spirit & sing

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

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born 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!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born 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!
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King,

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.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King,

Dismissal

Priest: Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh. Alleluia!

People: **Glory, thanks and praise to God. Alleluia!**

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Thank you to all that participated in the service tonight.