

Children's Christmas Eve Service



December 24th, 2021
4:00pm

Welcome! We are so glad you have joined us here this evening. We are a church who loves children and the holy chaos they sometimes bring! Please be assured they are welcome here with all their wiggles. Tonight, we will try our best to keep the children in their pews due to social distancing concerns. Thank you for your understanding and for joining us tonight. If you and your family are looking for a church home please feel free to reach out to Archdeacon Sue (sue@christchurchedm.ca).

Opening Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
*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 th' angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"*

*Christ, by highest heav'n adored:
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of the favored one.
Veil'd in flesh, the Godhead see;
Hail, th'incarnate Deity:
Pleased, as man, with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"*

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. On this most holy night, light breaks into our troubled world and anxious hearts.

People: **Christ is born in Bethlehem.**

Celebrant: As we gather with the angels, the shepherds, Mary and Joseph, and the three wise men.

People: **Let us join our hearts in thanksgiving for God here among us, Christ in the midst of us, born this very night. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Reader One: 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. **Reader Two:**

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.

Reader One: His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.

Reader Two: He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.



Making Space: A Christmas Story
(Luke 2:1-20)

We sing to help us tell the story ...

O Little Town of Bethlehem

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above your 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*

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.*

Angels We Have Heard on High

*Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains
Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly, sweetly through the night
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their brief delight
Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, in excelsis Deo*

O Come, All Ye Faithful

*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,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.*

Silent Night

*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 Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born*

*Silent night, holy night!
Son of God love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth*

Our Prayers

Nicola Cavaliere

Jesus, you shine with God's love and illuminate the universe. Show us our place in this world as guiding stars, leading people to your eternal love.

***Refrain: O Come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.***

God of love, you have taught your people to love our neighbors as ourselves. We offer this community into your care, that we may know and share your grace. You love and created each and every one us. Help us to show love to our friends and family, and especially to those who are not easy for us to love.

***Refrain: O Come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.***

Tonight, we remember those we love but see no more. Thank you for the hope and strength we find in you as we cherish their memory and give thanks for their lives. Strengthen all those who suffer in body, mind and spirit and bring your peace to those who need your care.

Refrain: *O Come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.*

We offer our prayers and praise to you Lord of all creation -- come to us this night -- wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.

Refrain: *O Come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.*

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

All: **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn

Ding Dong Merrily On High

*Ding dong! Merrily on high
In heav'n the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! Verily the sky
Is riv'n with angel singing:*

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

*E'en so here below, below
Let steeple bells be swungen
And "io, io, io!"
By priest and people singing*

(refrain)

*Pray you, dutifully prime
Your matin chime, ye ringers;
May you beautifully rime
Your evetime song, ye singers.*

The Eucharist

Celebrant: 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 forever. Amen.**

Celebrant: God is here.

All: **We praise God together.**

Celebrant: Let us say thank you to God

All: who has done so much for us.

Celebrant: And let us join our voices as we sing our praises to Him.

All *(Music & Lyrics by Steve Bell)*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth of your glory are full.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord...

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Celebrant: God, you made us, and the world and everything in it. All the good we see comes from you. You have always loved us but people have not always loved you. You sent Jesus to show us how to live and to bring us back to you again.

All: Jesus is born! God is with us!

Celebrant: He died for us on the cross so that through your Spirit we can all be your people. And so with thanks we praise you.

All: Jesus is born! God is with us!

Celebrant: We are here because on the night before he died. Jesus shared a meal with his friends. There he took some bread and gave thanks to you, God, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

All: Jesus is born! God is with us!

Celebrant: Later, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you. He shared it with them, and said, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

All: Jesus is born! God is with us!

Celebrant: And so, remembering Jesus, who died, was raised to new life, and is alive forever, we are glad to share that life and live in him.

All: Jesus is born! God is with us!

Celebrant: Send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and wine can be for us the body and blood of Jesus, and through this food give us strength to live as your people.

All: Jesus is born! God is with us!

Celebrant: Help us care for your world and for each other in the way that Jesus showed us. Until he comes again, with all your people in every time and every land we worship you and say:

All: We praise you.

**We thank you.
We bless you.
Amen.**

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
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 forever. Amen.

Celebrant: We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.
All: God here among us, light in midst of us, bring us to light and life.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

*Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world,
give us your peace, give us your peace*

The Communion

All persons are invited to come forward at the chancel steps for Communion to receive either the sacrament or a blessing (indicate by crossing your arms over your chest).

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request

Music During Communion

Allison Fieldberg and Joy Berg

Celebrant: God of all,
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.

Celebrant: 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

Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Joy to the World

*Joy to the world
The Lord has come.
Let earth receive her 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 world
The Lord has come.
Let earth receive her 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 Savior reigns.
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods.
Rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

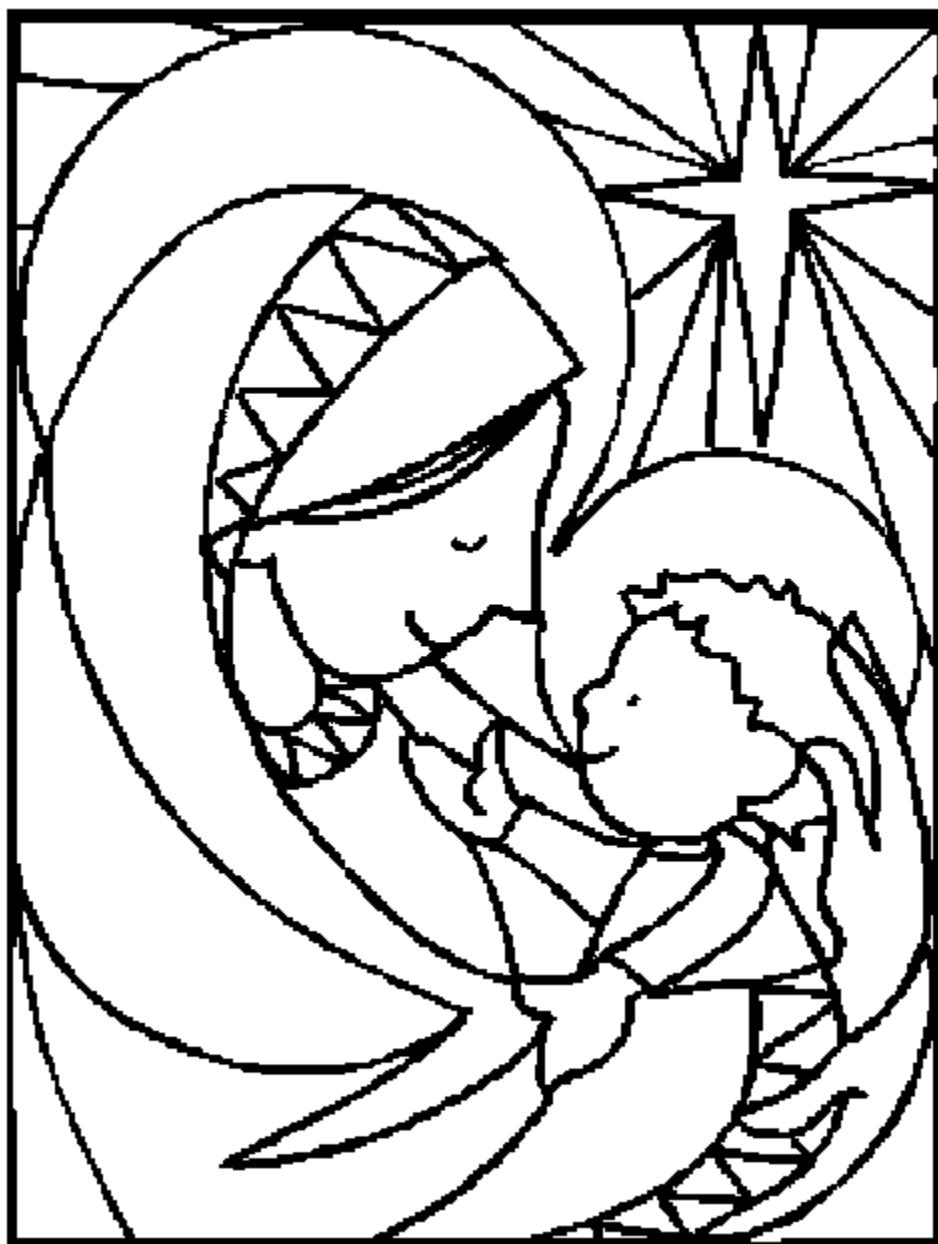


Clergy

The Venerable Susan Oliver

Music

Dr. Joy Berg and Dr. Allison Fieldberg









Jesus is born,
come and see!