



Sunday December 26 at 10:00 am
The First Sunday after Christmas
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We acknowledge that we meet on Treaty 1 Land, the traditional land of the Anishinaabe, Cree and Dakota people and the homeland of the Metis Nation. We are grateful for their stewardship of this land and their hospitality which allows us to live, work and serve God the Creator here

The community is called to attend to the presence of God by a tone from the sounding bowl, followed by the singing of the first hymn.

145 Good King Wenceslas



1 Good King Wen - ces - las looked out on the feast of
 2 "Hith - er, page, and stand by me, if thou knowest it,
 3 "Bring me flesh and bring me wine, bring me pine - logs
 4 "Sire, the night is dark - er now, and the wind blows
 5 In his mas - ter's steps he trod, where the snow lay



Ste - phen, when the snow lay round a - bout,
 tell - ing: yon - der pea - sant, who is he?
 hith - er; thou and I will see him dine,
 stron - ger: fails my heart, I know not how;
 dint - ed; heat was in the ver - y sod



deep and crisp and e - ven. Bright - ly shone the
 Where and what his dwell - ing?" "Sire, he lives a
 when we bear them thith - er." Page and mon - arch
 I can go no lon - ger." "Mark my foot - steps,
 which the saint had print - ed. There - fore, Chris - tians



moon that night, though the frost was cru - el,
 good league hence, un - der - neath the moun - tain,
 forth they went, forth they went to - geth - er,
 my good page; tread thou in them bold - ly.
 all, be sure, wealth and rank pos - sess - ing,

when a poor man came in sight,
 right a - gainst the for - est fence,
 through the rude wind's wild la - ment,
 Thou shalt find the win - ter's rage
 ye who now will bless the poor,

gath - ering win - ter fu - el.
 by St. Ag - nes' foun - tain."
 and the bit - ter wea - ther.
 freeze thy blood less cold - ly."
 shall your - selves find bless - ing.

The Gathering of the Community

Presider 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.**

Presider Almighty God,

People **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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Glory to God (sung)

Refrain

*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.

Refrain

Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

The Collect

O God, you have known us
from our mother's womb.
You call us to follow you through all our days
and seek us even when we wander.
Clothe us with your love,
so that we may grow in grace
and find favour in your sight;
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Reading 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the

yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD"; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; *
praise God in the heights.

2 Praise the Lord all you angels; *
sing praises, all you heavenly host.

3 Praise the Lord, sun and moon; *
sing praises, all you shining stars.

4 Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, *
sing praises, you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord; *
who gave the command and they were created,

6 who made them stand fast for ever and ever, *
who gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;

9 mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;

10 wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and wingèd birds;

11 sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;

12 young men and young women, *
old and young together.

13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, *
whose name only is exalted,
whose splendour is over earth and heaven.

14 The Lord has raised up strength for this people *
and praise for all loyal servants,
the children of Israel, *
a people who are near to the Lord. Hallelujah!

The Proclamation of the Gospel

Reader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Halle, Halle, Halle

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

The first system of music is written for a piano accompaniment. It features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The melody in the treble staff consists of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a steady accompaniment of eighth notes.

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

The second system continues the melody. The treble staff has a melodic line with some rests, and the bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics are split across the two staves.

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le -

The third system shows the continuation of the musical phrase. The treble staff has a melodic line with some rests, and the bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics are split across the two staves.

Last time *rit.* lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

The fourth system is marked "Last time" and "rit." (ritardando). It features a final melodic phrase in the treble staff and a final accompaniment in the bass staff. The lyrics are split across the two staves.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Luke

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Luke 2:41-52

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Halle, Halle, Halle

Message

Prayers of the People

Unto us a child is born, unto us a sign is given. Let us bring before God the needs of the world.

Wonderful counselor, give your wisdom to the rulers of the nations.
God in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Mighty God, make the whole world know that the government is on your shoulders. God in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Everlasting father, establish your reign of justice and righteousness for ever. God in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Prince of peace, bring in the endless kingdom of your peace. God in your mercy.
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, hear our prayer and fulfill your purposes in us, as you accomplished your will in our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

120 O Little Town of Bethlehem

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and, gath - ered all a - bove,
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is given
 4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
 as love im - parts to hu - man hearts the bles - sings of God's heaven!
 cast out our sin and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.

yet in thy dark streets shi - neth the ev - er - last - ing light;
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear his com - ing; but in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to all the earth.
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el.

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray:

God of abundance,
we bring before you
the precious fruits of your creation,
and with them our very lives.
Teach us patience and hope
as we care for all those in need
until the coming of your Son,
our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ
has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **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.

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

Celebrant May the God of infinite goodness
scatter the darkness of sin
and brighten your hearts with holiness;
and the blessing of God
Source of all being,
eternal Word and Holy Spirit
be amongst you and
remain with you and those you love
now and always. Amen

153 Good Christians All, Rejoice

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice with heart and soul and
 2 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice with heart and soul and
 3 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice with heart and soul and

voice! Lis - ten now to what we say: Je - sus Christ is
 voice! Hear the news of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was
 voice! Now you need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was

born to - day; ox and ass be - fore him bow and he is in the
 born for this; he has o - pened heav - en's door and we are blessed for
 born to save: come at his most gra - cious call to find sal - va - tion,

man - ger now! Christ is born to - day; Christ is born to - day!
 ev - er - more! Christ was born for this; Christ was born for this.
 one and all! Christ was born to save; Christ was born to save!

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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Announcements

A note on the prayer list

We will once more be including our prayer list. If there is someone on the list who should be removed please let me know. Likewise if you would like to add a name to the list please let me know. We will include five names from the list in our intercession each Sunday.

Prayer List

Bev Braden, Brad, Bob Calder, Erik, Jan and family, Jason, Jane, Jocelyn, Julia, Kelsey, Myrtle Kenny, Anne Clairmont, Mason Clairmont, Vickie Donald, Linda Downing, Elaine, Gerald, Glenn, George, Bill Human, Jane Human, Jackson, Jason, Jane, Jess & Kelsey, Jocelyn, Joe, Julia, Kirby, Lynne, Fran Laakso, Malcolm, Maureen, Mavis, Michael Logan, Misty Potts, Phyllis Moar, Clive Morgan, Nori, Donna Pacholuk, Colten Pratt, Don Reid, Marcel Ricard, Rick, Marilyn Roteliuk, Jamie and Tryli Shorting, Scott, Eva Shewchuk, Sharon Skoropata, John Stairs, Bev Towle, Tammy and David and family, Mary Wildfang, Vicki

The Thrift Shop will be closed until January 11

“How can two walk together unless they are agreed?” Amos3:3

In their update in the Fall Newsletter Mary Marsh told us of her and Alan’s walking endeavours over 2000 miles between the two of them. In 2022 they are aiming to do the same and inviting us to sponsor them with pledges being donated to St. Mary’s. There are pledge sheets at the back of the Church.

2021 DONATIONS: donations for 2020 must be dated no later than December 31, 2021 but they will be gratefully accepted up to January 9, 2021.