

24<sup>TH</sup> December 2024 7 pm

“For Unto Us A  
Child is Born”



Merry Christmas!!

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

JOINT SERVICE WITH TAMIL CONGREGATION

HOLY EUCHARIST

7:00 P.M. – DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

***Acknowledgment of Indigenous Territory***

*We acknowledge that this church is situated upon traditional territories. The territories include the Wendat, Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Mississaugas of Scugog, Hiawatha, and Alderville First Nations and the Métis Nation.*

*The treaty that was signed for this particular parcel of land is collectively referred to as the Williams Treaties of 1923 and applies to lands east of Woodbine Avenue. We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous people on this land.*

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**Prelude:**

Welcome

**CHRISTMAS EVE EUCHARIST**

Celebrant: Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given;

**All: And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor**

**the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.**

## Processional Hymn: O Come All Ye Faithful CP 118 (V1-3)

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

### Lighting of the Christ Candle

Celebrant: As the candles of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love burn in the Advent wreath,

we pray for a time when all of God's children, filled with hope, will experience peace, joy and love that the Christ-child brings. We will now light the Christ Candle as we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace.

*The Christ candle is lit.*

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, may the flame of this candle remind us that you are the light of the world and that if we follow you, we will never walk in darkness, but will have the true light of life.

**All: Christ is the Lord and has shined upon us, alleluia.**

Officiant:      Glory to God in the highest,                      (David Hurd version)  
                         **and peace to his people on earth.**                      **CP 686 (sing)**  
                         **Lord God, heavenly king,**

almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

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

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.

**The Collect:**

Celebrant: Eternal God,  
**All: 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 forever. Amen.**

**The Liturgy of the Word**

*(please be seated)*

***The Scripture on this day is presented in the form of a narrated crèche.  
Please sing as directed throughout the story.***

Celebrant: The word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

**All: And we beheld his glory.**

Celebrant: Lord of hosts, sanctify and bless this manger, that all who look upon it may be reminded of the humble birth of Jesus and be blessed evermore by him who is God with us and the Saviour of all, who liveth and reigneth with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever.

**Hymn: O Little Town of Bethlehem CP 120 (v1)**

*Sung by the choir and congregation as the animals come forward.*

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

**Hymn: Once in Royal David's City**

**CP 123 (v1)**

*Sung by the choir and congregation as Mary and Joseph come forward.*

Once in royal David's city  
stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby  
in a manger for His bed:  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little Child.

**Hymn: Away in a Manger**

**CP 126 (v1)**

*Sung by the choir and congregation as the Holy Child comes forward.*

Away in a manger  
No crib for a bed  
The little Lord Jesus  
Laid down His sweet head

**Hymn: What a Child is this**

**CP 137 (V1)**

*Sung by the choir and congregation as the angels and shepherds come forward.*

What Child is this who, laid to rest  
On Mary's lap, is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet

While the good shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud  
The Babe, the Son of Mary

THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

**Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

**CP 138 (v1&2)**

1. 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 Bethlehem!”

***Refrain:***

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

2. 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 Emmaneu!

***Refrain.***

*(Please stand)*

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

**Hymn: Holy Gospel: Luke 2:1-20**

*At the conclusion of the Gospel:*

Officiant: The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Hymn: Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

**CP 138 (v3)**

3. Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all be 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:***

***Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King."***

**Homily:** The Reverend Andrew Kaye

*Moment of silent reflection*

**Choral Anthem:    Amen**

***by Jester Hairston***



**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

*(Please kneel or sit)*

As we celebrate this joyful season, in which God joins heaven and earth, let us offer our prayers for the Church, the world and those in need. In joy and humility, let us pray saying, **Lord, grant us peace.**

For the St Margaret in the Pines Church community, show us how to joyfully proclaim your Glory so that the whole earth is filled with the sound of praise and thanksgiving. We pray and give thanks for our Clergy and Ministry team Andrew, Jim, Colin and Salma. We also pray and give thanks for Milton and the Tamil congregation. ♦ We pray : **Lord grant us peace.**

For the church throughout the world, speak and let your people celebrate your birth with new commitment. In the Anglican Church of Canada we pray for Linda our Primate, Chris our Interim Indigenous Bishop, Anne our Metropolitan, Andrew our Diocesan, Riscylla and Kevin our Area Bishops and all Bishops and Ministers. ♦ We pray : **Lord grant us peace.**

For the wider community, our families, friends, co-workers and neighbours. Speak and let your love surround us and those with whom we share this Christmas. Help us to see you in others so that by loving and serving them we may also love and serve you. ♦ We pray : **Lord grant us peace.**

For the leaders of all nations, enlighten them with your wisdom and guidance in ways they can understand. May your kingdom of peace and justice be established on earth. ♦ We pray : **Lord , grant us peace.**

For those who are lonely , sick in body and mind and those suffering bereavement, speak words of comfort, love and

compassion that they may find peace and be reassured of your presence.

**SILENCE**

◆ We pray : **Lord , grant us peace.**

O God our Father, whose word has come among us in the Child of Bethlehem, may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds through him who is Christ our Lord , who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **Amen**

**The Peace:**

*(Please stand)*

Having prayed for God’s grace and peace for us and the world, we offer an exchange of peace with one another. As you are comfortable, you may use the live chat to say, “Peace be with you” to those participating online.

Officiant:                      The peace of the Lord be with you

**All:      And also with you**

*Members of the community greet each other in the name of the Lord.*

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Offertory Hymn: The First Nowell**

**CP 139**

**Prayer Over The Gifts:**

Officiant: **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.**

**Eucharistic Prayer: 3 (Please Kneel or Sit) BAS Page 198**

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Officiant: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

**People: 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.**

Sanctus **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, Father, 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 Father,  
                          now and for ever.

**All:                   Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer:

Officiant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to pray,

**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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread 6**

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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.**

*Every baptized person is invited to receive Holy Communion.  
Should you prefer to receive a Christmas blessing at the altar rather than  
the consecrated bread and wine, please indicate your wish by crossing  
your arms across your chest.*

Agnus Dei

**All:**            **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.**

Officiant:    The gifts of God for the People of God

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

**Communion Hymn:    Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming    CP 117**

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming  
from tender stem hath sprung,  
of Jesse's lineage coming  
as seers of old have sung.  
It came, a blossom bright  
amid the cold of winter  
when half spent was the night.
2. Isaiah 'twas foretold it,  
the Rose I have in mind;  
with Mary we behold it,  
the virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love alright,  
she bore to us a Saviour,  
when half spent was the night.
3. O Flower, whose fragrance tender  
with sweetness fills the air,  
dispel in glorious splendour  
the darkness everywhere:  
true man, yet very God,  
from sin and death now save us,  
and share our every load.

**Communion Hymn:     Silent Night**

**CP 119**

1. 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.
2. Silent night! Holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight:  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly host sing alleluia,  
Christ the Saviour is born.
3. 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.

**Communion Hymn:     It Came upon a midnight**

**CP 140**

1. It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth  
to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, to all good will  
from heaven's most gracious king!"  
The world is solemn stillness lay  
to hear the angels sing.



2. Still through the cloven skies they come  
with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heavenly music floats  
o'er all the weary world;  
above its sad and lowly plains  
they bend on hovering wing,  
and ever o'er its Babel sounds  
the blessed angels sing.
  
3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife  
the world has suffered long;  
beneath the angel-strain have rolled  
two thousand years of wrong;  
and we amid our wars hear not  
the words of peace they bring;  
O listen now, and still your strife  
to hear the angels sing.
  
4. And you, beneath life's crushing load,  
whose forms are bending low,  
who toil along the climbing way  
with painful steps and slow;  
look now, for glad and golden hours  
come swiftly on the wing:  
O rest beside the weary road  
and hear the angels sing.
  
5. For lo, days are hastening on,  
by prophets seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years  
shall come the time foretold:  
when the new heaven and earth shall own  
the Prince of Peace their King,  
and the whole world send back the song  
which now the angels sing.

## **ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

### **Prayer after Communion**

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.  
**Amen.**

### **Doxology:**

Officiant: Glory to God

People: **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.**

### **The Blessing:**

Officiant: On this holy night, may the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin and brighten your hearts with holiness; and the Blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All: **Amen.**

*(Tapers are extinguished and the lights are raised)*

## Recessional Hymn: Go Tell It on the Mountain

***Refrain:***

***Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills, and ev'rywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born.***

1 While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light.

***Refrain:***

2 The shepherds feared and trembled  
when lo, above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Savior's birth.

***Refrain:***

3 Down in a lowly manger  
the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn.

***Refrain:***

Officiant: Rejoice! For unto us a child has been born!  
People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

*CONSIDER THIS...*

*Tonight we have come together to celebrate the gift of  
God's presence in our world,  
in our midst,  
and in our own lives.  
It is given as a gift.  
Like any gift, it needs to be received.  
Open your heart and open your life,  
and receive the gift.*

*Merry Christmas*

**Participants in the liturgy:**

**Celebrant:**                      **The Rev'd Milton Solomon**

**Intercessor:**                      **Fran Platten**

**Lay Administrators:**      **Carol Klupsch**  
   **Iveleen Thomas**

**Prayer for Parishioners**

Prayer of Augustine of Hippo

Eternal God,  
the light of the minds that know you,  
the joy of the hearts that love you,  
and the strength of the wills that serve you:  
grant *name* to know you  
that *name* may truly love you,  
so to love you that *name* may truly serve you,  
whose service is perfect freedom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



## Christmas Service Schedule

Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> December @ 7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service
Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> December @ 10:00 a.m. <b>In person only</b>	Christmas Day Service
Sunday, 29 <sup>th</sup> December @ 10:00 a.m.	Lessons & Carols
Sunday, 5 <sup>th</sup> January @ 10:00 a.m.	Epiphany with Christmas Pageant with potluck





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**PARISH PURPOSE**

We are a united and renewed Christian community where each is respected, and all are encouraged to lovingly share their gifts, both with one another and with the larger world in which we serve. The community centres itself on biblical teaching, prayer and the ministry of healing. It stresses lay involvement and the family, and open communication.