

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa

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CHRISTMAS DAY COMMUNION

December 25th, 2018 at 10.15 am

PRELUDE

Noël «Or dites-nous Marie» (Alexis Chauvet)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 118

O Come, All Ye Faithful

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Grace and peace from God our Creator, and the Lord Jesus Christ,
be with you.

And also with you.

"While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger."

Today, angels far and near sing tender lullabies; well-worn fabric full of years, holds in the warmth of parental love; animals and shepherds crowd in tight, glowing with adoration, while a muffled cry squeezes out to greet the world.

Today, we give thanks for every child among us. Each new birth – regardless of circumstances – reminds us of the preciousness of life, the potential of tomorrow, the promise of God.

On this Christmas Day, we light the Christ candle for the child-King, the infant-Redeemer, the lowly-Lord. And now we know . . . He is born and nothing will ever be the same!

The Christ Candle is lit.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Lord Jesus Christ, 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

Isaiah 62:6-12

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have laboured; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts.

Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, 'See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.' They shall be called, 'The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord'; and you shall be called, 'Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 97



Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy Name.

THE SECOND READING

Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 121

O Little Town of Bethlehem

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been

told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

HYMN 126

Away in a Manger

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN 148

See Amid the Winter's Snow

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of peace, your Son Jesus Christ has reconciled us to you. May all we offer you today renew us as members of your household. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

Worship and praise belong to you, God our creator, in every place and at all times. You made us, all the people of the world, and everything that is.

You give us the daylight. Your Word lights up our minds. Jesus was born among us to be light in our darkness.

Your Spirit lives in us so that we can look at the world with your eyes.

One day we will be with you in heaven, but already we laugh with the saints and angels, and sing their joyful song:

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.

Loving God, you never forget us or turn away from us, even when we fail you. You sent your Son Jesus who gave his life for us.

He healed those who were sick, cared for those who were poor, and cried with those who were sad. He forgave sinners and taught us to forgive.

For all your love we give you thanks in the way that Jesus showed us.

On the night before he died, while he was having supper with his friends, he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

So, as we do what Jesus told us, we open our hearts to him; we remember how he died and rose again to live now in us.

Together with him we offer you these gifts: in them we give you ourselves.

Send your Holy Spirit on us ✠ and on this bread and this wine, that they may be the body and the blood of Christ, and that, sharing your life, we may travel in your company to our journey's end.

With all your people we give you thanks and praise through the Son and in the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:



Our Fa - ther in heav'n, hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom come, your
will be done, on earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day 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, for the
king - dom, the pow'r and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Silence is kept.

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.

Lord, unite us in this sign.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

In dulci jubilo (Marcel Dupré)

Please request a gluten-free wafer if required or a blessing if desired.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

God of all, the child born for us is the Saviour of the world. May he who made us your children welcome us into your kingdom, where he is alive and reigns with you now and for ever. **Amen.**

Loving God,

your steadfast purpose is the completion of all things in your Son.

May we who have received the pledges of the kingdom,

live by faith, walk in hope and be renewed in love,

until the world reflects your glory and you are all in all;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

Go now on this day of Jesus' birth. May the joy of his coming be in your heart; may love and hope fill your soul; and may the blessing of God, ✠ Creator, Son, and Spirit bless you, all whom you love, and all whom you meet, today and always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Go, Tell it on the Mountain

*Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere,
Go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.*

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

Go, tell it on the mountain...

**The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Saviour's birth!**

Go, tell it on the mountain...

**Down in a lonely manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent our salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.**

Go, tell it on the mountain...

DISMISSAL

Go forth in the light of Christ!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Noël grand jeu et duo (Louis-Nicolas Daquin)

<i>Presider & Preacher</i>	The Reverend Canon Beth Bretzlaff
<i>Deacon</i>	The Reverend Dr Caroline Ducros
<i>Organist</i>	Dr Gordon Johnston
<i>Crucifer & Server</i>	Wendy McCutcheon, Eduardo Castro
<i>Readers</i>	Dora & Bill Broughton
<i>Cantor</i>	Bruce Marshall
<i>Intercessor</i>	Stephen Giles
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	Bryan Bondy, Monica Patten
<i>Duty Warden</i>	Stephen Giles
<i>Sidespeople</i>	Jill Moll, Bill Broughton, Sean Paterson
<i>Tower Bell</i>	Sean Paterson
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Bryan Bondy
<i>Welcome Team</i>	Bea Robertson

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