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Fresco of the Nativity, Giotto di Bondone (1266-1337)

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24, 2025, 10:00 p.m.

Procession, Blessing of the Crèche and Solemn High Mass

Our Church stands on the unceded traditional
territory of the Anishinaabe Algonquin Nation.

Organ Prelude

Adeste Fidelis

Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968)

Mass Setting

Missa Brevis No. 4 in E major 'Corde natus'

Healy Willan (1880-1968)

Gloria and Creed: Missa de Angelis

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Blessing and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Voice 1: On the first Sunday of Advent, we lit the candle of the Patriarchs and Matriarchs. We light it again. *(the candle is lit)*

Voice 2: On the second Sunday of Advent, we lit the candle of the Prophets. We light it again. *(the candle is lit)*

Voice 3: On Gaudete Sunday, we lit the candle of John the Baptist. We light it again. *(the candle is lit)*

Voice 4: On the fourth Sunday of Advent, we lit the candle of Mary. We light it again. *(the candle is lit)*

Voice 5: Today, we light the Christ candle as we celebrate the birth of Christ. *(the candle is lit)*

In silence, the sacred ministers and altar servers will proceed to the high altar to make incense and receive baby Jesus

Procession to the Creche

Deacon: Let us go forth in peace. Alleluia.

All: In the name of the Lord. Alleluia.

Processional Hymn

Celebrant: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: **Who made heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: We are at the beginning of the days of Christmas. All through the season we will look on these images of sheep and cattle, of shepherds, of Mary and of Joseph and Jesus.

Gospel

Luke 2:1-7

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The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The figures and baby Jesus may be placed in the manger.

Silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

Please kneel

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 them that 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.

Hail Mary

Celebrant: The Angel of the Lord brought tidings unto Mary

All: And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Celebrant: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

All: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Blessing of the Crèche

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who as on this night didst cause thine only-begotten Son to be born of the blessed and glorious ever-Virgin Mary for our salvation: vouchsafe, we beseech thee, so to hallow ✠ and bless ✠ this

Christmas Crib, wherein are shown forth the wonders of that sacred birth; that all those who, beholding the same, shall ponder and adore the mystery of this holy incarnation, may be filled with thy benediction unto life eternal; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The crib is now sprinkled with Holy Water.

The Priest kneels down and prays silently for a moment, then incenses the crib.

Hymn

48 *Silent night, holy night!*

Stille Nacht

Devotional Prayers

Celebrant: Let us pray

Silence is kept.

O Almighty God, who by the birth of thy holy Child Jesus hast given us a great light to dawn upon our darkness: grant, we pray thee, that in his light we may see light to the end of our days; and bestow upon us, we beseech thee, that most excellent Christmas gift of charity to all people, that so the likeness of thy Son may be formed in us, and that we may have the ever-brightening hope of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

O holy Mary, as we adore thy Divine Son, pray for all little children, that they may be protected from all harm and danger, and that they may grow in grace and in favour with God. We pray thee, O Father that the holy joy of Christmas

may fill our minds with thoughts of peace, and our hearts with sense of thy great love, hasten the time when war and suffering be done away, we may love as brethren, and bring in the reign of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

God of Mary and Joseph, of shepherds and animals, bless us whenever we gaze on this manger scene. Through all the days of Christmas may these figures tell the story of how humans, angels, and animals found the Christ in this poor place. Fill our church with hospitality, joy, gentleness, and thanksgiving and guide our steps in the way of peace. Grant this through Christ our Lord who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Processional Hymn

43 *On Christmas night all Christians sing*

Sussex Carol

Introit Proper

Unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given : and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his Name shall be called, Angel of mighty Counsel. *Ps.* O sing unto the Lord a new song : for he hath done marvellous things. Unto us ... Blessed be ...

Salutation

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Kyrie

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy upon us

Christe eleison

Christ, have mercy upon us

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy upon us

Gloria

Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee,
we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give
thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly
King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten
Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy
upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our
prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the
Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O
Christ, with the Holy Ghost, ✠ art most high in the glory of
God the Father. Amen.

Collect

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. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 9:2-7

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 onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

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Psalm 96

Cantate Domino.

- ¹ O sing unto the Lord a new *song*; / **sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.**
- ² **Sing unto the Lord, and praise his *Name*; / be telling of his salva-*tion* from day to[^]day.**
- ³ Declare his honour among the *na*-tions, / and his wonders a-*mong* all peo-ples.
- ⁴ **For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be *prais*-ed; / he is more to be fear-*ed* than all gods.**
- ⁵ As for all the gods of the peoples, they are but *i*-dols; / but it is the Lord that *made* the hea-vens.
- ⁶ **Honour and majesty are be-*fore* him: / strength and beauty are in his *sanc*-tu-a-ry.**



- ⁷ Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the *peo*-ples, /
ascribe unto the Lord *glo*-ry and power.
- ⁸ **Give unto the Lord the honour due unto his *Name*; /
bring presents and come *in*-to his courts.**
- ⁹ O worship the Lord in the beauty of *ho*-li[^]ness; / let the
whole earth *stand* in awe of[^]him.
- ¹⁰ **Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is *King*; / he
hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be
moved; he shall judge the *peo*-ples righ-teous[^]ly.**
- ¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be *glad*; / let
the sea make a noise, and all *that* is there-in.
- ¹² **Let the field be joyful, and all that is *in* it; / then shall all
the trees of the wood re-*joice* before the[^]Lord;**
- ¹³ For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the *earth*, / and
**with righteousness to judge the world, and the *peo*-
ples with his[^]truth.**

Second Reading Titus 2:11-14

For 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.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

56 *While shepherds watched their flocks by night* **Winchester Old**

Gradual Proper

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God :
O be joyful in God, all ye lands. *℟.* The Lord hath declared
his salvation : in the sight of the heathen hath he openly
shewed his righteousness. Alleluia, alleluia. *℟.* A hallowed
day hath dawned upon the earth; come, ye nations, and
worship the Lord : for on this day a great light hath
descended upon the earth. Alleluia.

Gospel Luke 2:1-14 (KJV)

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the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, unto the city of David,
which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house
and lineage of David) to be taxed with Mary his espoused
wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were
accomplished that she should be delivered. And she

brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, 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, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon The Reverend Canon George Kwari
Nicene Creed

Please stand.

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; Through whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, *Please kneel.* And was incarnate by

the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man. *Please stand.* And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is *[bow]* worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And ✠ I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Please kneel.

Confession and Absolution

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Almighty God, **Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people:** we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly

repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

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Offertory Motet

Personent hodie

arr. Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

Offertory Proper

The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine; thou hast laid the foundations of the round world, and all that therein is : righteousness and equity are the habitation of thy seat.

Offertory Hymn

42 *O little town of Bethlehem*

Forest Green

Prayer over the Gifts

Source of all 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. Amen.

Mass Intentions

The Celebrant will announce the Mass intentions for the day, concluding:

Celebrant: Pray, brothers and sisters, that this, our sacrifice, will be acceptable unto God the Father Almighty.

All: May the Lord receive this sacrifice at your hands, to the praise and glory of His Name, both to our benefit and to that of all His Holy Church.

THE CANON OF THE MASS

The Lord be with you;

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts;

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ thine only Son to be born as at this time for us, who made, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, was made very man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Please kneel.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are

full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed ✠ is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of ✠ bread and ✠ wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks✠, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying *[bow]*, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." ✠

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks✠, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." ✠

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering

the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded.

And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to pray:

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 them that 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 Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is Sacrificed for

us.

All: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

Invitation to Communion

“Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.”

All: Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

Please be seated.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Holy Eucharist.

At the direction of the sidespeople, please come forward to the Altar rail. At the conclusion of the communion, silence may be kept.

Communion Proper

Be joyful, O daughter of Sion, sing praises, O daughter of Jerusalem : behold, thy king cometh; he is righteous and having salvation.

Communion Hymn

46 *See amid the winter's snow* Humility

Ablutions Motet

In the bleak midwinter Gustav Holst

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, who livest and reigneth with the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Doxology

Glory be to God, **whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory be to God from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing p.17

The Dismissal

Deacon: The Lord be with you

All: And with thy Spirit.

Deacon: Go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All: ✠Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn

37 *Hark! The herald angels sing* Mendelssohn
(v.1-3)

The Angelus p.19

Organ Postlude

Symphonie No. 5: Toccata

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE

Celebrant	The Reverend Canon George Kwari
Homilist	The Reverend Canon George Kwari
Organist and Choirmaster	Shawn Potter
Deacon	The Reverend Canon David Rath
Subdeacon	Jon Machnee
Reader	Diane Roussel

DEDICATIONS

The flowers decorating the Church have been given by:

Susan Howell

Gerri Fallows, in memory of John Fallows

Dianne Coates, in memory of
Joy Tilsley and Robert Mainwaring

Dolorès Baronet

NOTES AND NOTICES

A sincere welcome is extended to all our guests and everyone for joining us this evening.

An Anglican Church Calendar, published by St. Peter Publications and sponsored by the PBSC, is available from Wesley Warren at a cost of \$10.

Join us Wednesday December 31 at 5:00 p.m. for a service of Nine Lessons and Carols to round out 2025. Donations at that service will go to benefit the St. Barnabas Music Fund and the Campus Ministry at Algonquin College.

This service is being live-streamed on YouTube.

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