

Order of Service for December 27, 2020  
The First Sunday after Christmas  
Service of Spiritual Communion  
9:30 am  
Officiating & Preaching:  
The Rev'd Dr. Norman Knowles



**St. Paul's  
Anglican Church**  
*Opening Hearts and Minds to God's Grace*

And <sup>the</sup> *Word* became  
flesh and dwelt among us,  
and we have seen  
His *glory*, glory as of the  
only Son from the Father,  
full of *grace* and  
*truth*

JOHN 1:14

# Service of Spiritual Communion

## The Gathering of the Community

### Welcome and Opening Prayer

**Opening Hymn:** Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (screens)

**Greeting** (screens)

**Collect for Purity** (screens)

**Glory to God** (screens)

**Collect of the Day** (screens)

## The Proclamation of the Word

**Canticle: The Song of Mary** (screens)

### The First Reading

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

GALATIANS 4:4-7

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

**Gradual Hymn:** Go, Tell It on the Mountain (screens)

### The Holy Gospel

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his

own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

JOHN 1:1-14

**Leader:** The Gospel of Christ.

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

### Sermon

**The Nicene Creed** (screens)

### The Prayers of the People

**Incarnation Litany** (screens)

**Prayer During a Pandemic** (screens)

**Confession and Absolution** (screens)

**The Peace** (screens)

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

**Offertory Hymn:** Good Christians All, Rejoice (Choir Anthem)

**Prayer over the Gifts** (screens)

**Eucharistic Prayer** (screens)

**The Lord's Prayer** (screens)

**The Breaking of the Bread** (screens)

### The Communion

**Prayer for Communion** (screens)

**Prayer after Communion** (screens)

**Doxology** (screens)

### The Blessing

**Closing Hymn:** The First Nowell (screens)

**Dismissal** (screens)

**Virtual Coffee Time** (Zoom link: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/88948030856?pwd=QllseHlzSDRySo5Qdk8oMzhzblEdz09>)

## Prayers for This Week

*(Bold italics indicate new or special emphasis this week.)*

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for *Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movements: His Holiness Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome; His All Holiness Archbishop Bartholomew of Constantinople, New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch; The General Secretary of the World Council of Churches; Bishop Ivan M Abrahams, General Secretary World Methodist Council; The Reverend Chris Ferguson, General Secretary of the World Communion of Reformed Churches.*

In the Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycle: In the Anglican Church we pray for *Director Joe Vecsi and the staff of Communications and Information Resources; Director Hannah Goschy and the staff of Financial Management and Administration* and in the Lutheran Church we pray for *Rev. Lyle McKenzie, Assistant to the National Bishop for Worship.*

In our Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people of the parish of the *Cathedral Church of the Redeemer, Calgary; for their clergy Leighton Lee, Helen Belcher, Cyril Challice (Hon.), James Buenting (Hon.)*

We lift to you our friends, in our Companion Diocese, the Windward Islands.

In our Parish Cycle, we *pray for the safety and well-being of all members of our Parish, and pledge to stay connected with one another and face the challenges of COVID-19 together; we remember our clergy, Fergus, Cyril, Norman, Bob, and their families; and we especially uphold all who are infirm, immune-compromised, or on the front lines in this battle.*

We pray for our foster child Desta Keweti.

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health, comfort and strengthen those of our parish who are sick, injured or distressed, and those approaching or recovering from surgery, especially we lift up to you *the family of Joy (Abby's sister); Antony; Judy; Raymond (uncle of Paul); Dinah; the family of John; Debra, Lori and family of Josie; Crystal (niece of Rosemarie); Bill & Pat; Steve; the family of Bob; the family of Carmen; John; the family of Bonnie; Gerald; Gerald and Louise (Shannon's father and mother); Megan and family, Molly (mother of Sian); the family of Simon; Stephen; Dwight (Dorothy-Ann's cousin); Jo; the family of Brenda (relative of the Collers); the family of Joan (mother of Richard); Tracy; Roxie and the family of Andy; Harry (friend of Ian and Kathleen); Julia; the Herritt family in their bereavement; Gina; Gael; Verna and her family; Michael; Barb; Jen; the family of Leslie; Patrick, Jordan; the family of Lene; the family of Helen; Eleanor; Jackie K. (sister of Pauline); Dorothy; the family of Mauricia (mother of Ella ); Max & Rebecca; Anne; Dozy & Obie & family; Karla; Kathy; Kevin; Richard (friend of Anne); Terry; Jerrod; Melissa and her family (friends of Jenn); Dennis; Mike; Val; Martin; Chinazor; Sheila; Melissa and her family; Adrianna; Peggy; Bob and Joanne; Laura (sister of Kim); the family of Douglas; Michelle; Ian; Pat; Christine; Rick (brother of Sheila); Gwen; Jacquie; Gwen (aunt of Julie), Jackie (cousin of Julie), Ellen; Pauline; Monika (mother of Dennis); Kathy (daughter of Bob & Joanne); Trudy (cousin of Iona); Len; Andrea and Andrew's family; Margaret; Marlene; and the family of James (father of Allison).*

*We pray for containment of the COVID-19 coronavirus worldwide; protection for nurses and all those on the front lines or especially vulnerable to its effects, in particular all who are homeless; and full restoration of health for all those who are ill.*

We pray for all struggling economically, and all those affected by fires, floods, storms or other natural disasters. We pray for us all to stand together in hard times.

We pray for peace and justice in our own country and throughout the world. *We remember the people of Nigeria, and all whose lives have been torn apart by violence. We pray for safe haven for those whom violence has forced to flee their homes. We pray for an end to racism and discrimination, and all acts of hate done in the Name of the God of love. We stand in solidarity with all whose lives have been devastated by human evil and all seeking to make the world as it ought to be.* We pray for protection and guidance for all in law enforcement or our military in danger at home or overseas. May your Holy Spirit guide world leaders to seek just resolutions to all conflicts, that all people may come to know your peace that passes all understanding and war be no more.

We thank you for *the improving health of Sheila*, and your healing touch, which sustains us every day; and for all the many healings that have taken place in our parish; and your unending mercy as you hear our prayers.

*We thank you for being with us in all we have gone through in 2020, and we journey forth together, with our trust and hope in you our God, into 2021.*



The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Kathleen Robinson in loving memory of Jane Sandul.