



The

Gloria

of the
LORD
shall be
revealed

Acknowledgement - As we gather we recognize that we live, work and play on the traditional lands of the Coast Salish Peoples. We also join in a line of Anglicans who have worshipped on these lands. As we continue we commit ourselves as a settler church and people to continue with our First Nations neighbours on the journey of truth and reconciliation.



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.

John1:14



5:00 Family Christmas Eve service

Prelude - "Jazz Carols"

Welcome

I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord. *Luke 2:10-11*

Collect

Lay Assistant

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.**

Opening Hymn, (CP #123) "Once in Royal David's City"

Verse 1 - Mia Paterson (soloist)

He came down to earth from heaven,
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and mean and lowly,
lived on earth our Savior holy.

Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing round,
we shall see him; but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high;
when like stars his children crowned,
all in white shall wait around.

First Lesson - John's Prologue (Katelyn)

Advent Wreath Candle lighting - The Christ Candle

Leader: The poet, Ann Weems, wrote: "What I'd really like to give you for Christmas is a star.../Brilliance in a package,/something you could keep in the pocket of your jeans/or in the pocket of your being."

We've come tonight for the light, for the shining candles and the smiles on young faces and the brilliance of tears on a neighbor's cheek.

But remember the words of the psalmist:

"Give to the Lord, all families of the nations — give to the Lord glory and power! Give to the Lord the glory due his name! Bring gifts!

Enter his courtyards! Bow down to the Lord in his holy splendor! Tremble before him, all the earth!"

On this Christmas Eve, we tremble at the wonder we remember together: God entered our world in the body of a poor child, born on a dark night in a chilly stable, with only a manger for his bed. God entered the world and took on human form to show us how to live in hope, peace, joy and love.

(Light previous candles.)

We now light the Christ candle

(Christ candle is lit)

When we light the Christ candle, we remember the star above the stable. We celebrate the light coming into the darkness.

People: Glory to God in the highest! We give thanks for the brilliance of stars! We give thanks for the birth of Jesus Christ, God with us.

Congregational Carol, (CP #118) "O Come All Ye Faithful"

Oh come all ye faithful joyful and triumphant
Oh come ye oh come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold him born the King of angels

**Oh come let us adore him
Oh come let us adore him
Oh come let us adore him
Christ the Lord**

God of God light of light
Lo he abhors not the virgin's womb
Very God begotten not created

Refrain

Sing choirs of angels sing in exultation
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above
Glory to God in the highest

Refrain

See how the Shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps

Refrain



Second Lesson - John the Baptist (Paige)

Congregational Carol, (CP #122) "In the Bleak Midwinter"

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow
In the bleak midwinter, long ago

Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When he comes to reign
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
The Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ

Angels and archangels may have gathered there
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air
But his mother only in her maiden bliss
Worshipped the beloved with a kiss

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb
If I were a wise man, I would do my part
Yet what I can, I give him – give my heart

Third Lesson - Jesus is born (Bruin)

Congregational Carol, (CP #120) "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

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

For Christ is born of Mary
And, gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King
And peace to all the earth

How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is given
As love imparts to human hearts
The blessings of God's heaven!
No ear may hear his coming
But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive him, still
The dear Christ enters in

O holy child of Bethlehem
Descend to us, we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in
Be born in us today
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us, abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel

Third Lesson cont'd - (Eden)

"The Gentle Donkey" - Maeve (soloist)

Fourth Lesson - The Shepherds (Mia)



Congregational Hymn, (CP #126) "Away in a Manger"

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.



The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
love you, Lord Jesus - look down from on high
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me for ever, and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with you there.

Fifth Lesson - The Wise Men (Hannah)

**Congregational Offertory Carol,
(CP #139) "The First Nowell"**

The first nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep

**Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell
Born is the King of Israel**

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night

Refrain

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far
To seek for a king was their intent
And to follow the star wherever it went

Refrain

This star drew nigh to the northwest
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest
Ad there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay

Refrain



Then entered in those wise men three
Full reverently upon their knee
And offered there in his presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense

Refrain

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
Who has made heaven and earth of nought
And with his blood salvation bought

Refrain

Doxology, Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Sixth Lesson - The Shepherds cont'd (Zoe & Ivy)

Congregational Carol, (CP #89)

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Oh come oh come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

**Rejoice, Rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel**

O come, O Wisdom from on high
Who orders all things mightily
To us the path of knowledge show
And teach us in her ways to go

Refrain

O come, O come, great Lord of might
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law
In cloud and majesty and awe

Refrain

Oh come thou rod of Jesse's stem
Free every foe deliver them
That trust your mighty power to save
And give them victory o'er the grave

Refrain

Oh come thou dayspring from on high
And cheer us by your drawing nigh
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadow put to flight

**Rejoice, Rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel**

O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of humankind
O bid our bitter conflict cease
And be for us our Prince of Peace

Refrain

Homily - The Rev. Canon Dr. Eric Partridge

Lay Assistant - Christmas Prayer

Blessing

Candles are lit

Congregational Carol, (CP #119) "Silent Night"

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
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia
Christ the Saviour is born
Christ the Saviour is born

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
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth

Candles are extinguished and the people leave in silence.



***** This Week at a Glance *****
(December 26, 2021– January 2, 2022)

Friday 5:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve service
 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Eucharist service
 (Pre-registration required, 2 vaccines and mask)

Saturday 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day service
 (Pre-registration required, 2 vaccines and mask)

Sunday December 26, 2021 - 1st Sunday after Christmas
 10:30 a.m. service (2 vaccines and mask)

Monday - Tuesday No events

Wednesday NO Weekly Zoom Prayer Gathering

Thursday NO Bible Study

Friday - Saturday No events

Sunday **January 2, 2022 - The Epiphany of the Lord**
 9:00 a.m. service
 10:30 a.m. service
 (Pre-registration required, 2 vaccines and mask)

***** Looking Ahead *****

January 9	Baptism of the Lord
January 18 - 25	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
January 20	Joan Cribdon's Memorial, 2:00 p.m.
February 5	Verne Stables' Memorial, 2:00 p.m.
March 2	Ash Wednesday
March 4	World Day of Prayer
April 10	Palm Sunday
April 15	Good Friday
April 17	Easter Day

Altar Flowers - Given to the Glory of God in loving memory of John Clark and Teresa McKeen. From Elsie Widdowson.

Sanctuary Flowers - Given to the Glory of God in memory of my sister in law Myrna. From Betty-Rose Harrington

Weekly Cycles of Prayer

In our parish, we pray for Betsy Lansdown; Shirley Leahy; Marcia LeClair; Glenda Lightbody; Ian and Linda Lightbody.

In our community, we give thanks for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ. May we be His hands, feet and heart in this community.

In our Diocese, we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and our brothers and sisters in Christ of the Parish of Central Saanich, The Ven. Lon Towstego.

We pray for all postulants, especially Kirsten Evenden.

In our Ecclesiastical Province, we pray for the Diocese of Caledonia, Bishop David Lehmann.

In the world, we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America.

Readings for January 2, 2022

The Epiphany of the Lord



Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm: 72:1-7, 10-14
Epistle: Ephesians 3:1-12
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Parish Life Announcements

THANK YOU - My Christmas Message - For me Christmas is a very wonderful time; it is because only GOD could have done this MIRACLE; he took a child and made us his FAMILY. Children have a nature of showing us how we should be, so loving, and willing to be like the Christ child was. If only we could see ourselves as a child, full of LOVE, wanting to be picked up and be LOVED in return. This Christmas let us be a child, put down the barriers, let us look at one another and...LOVE. Dear St. Andrew's family, my prayer for you and yours is for a "HEALTHY", HAPPY, BLESSED AND PEACE-FULL NEW YEAR! Love and God's Blessings, :-) Elly Bowerman (December 2021)

THANK YOU - Dear Friends at St. Andrew Anglican Church, thank you all for your generous contribution of shoebox gift boxes for folks experiencing homelessness here in Victoria. The boxes are a significant way to show God's love, and we appreciate your partnership in this. And we continue to appreciate your partnership in so many other ways. Thank you for your faithfulness in supporting Street Hope Victoria.

ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY - The Altar flowers are delivered by a team of volunteers to shut-ins, or to those who are celebrating special times in their lives. **We need a couple of new volunteers** so that no one delivers more than every 5 or 6 weeks. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Elsie at 250-652-9275 or elsie.widdowson@shaw.ca

ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR - The Altar Flower calendar for 2022 is hanging at the back of the church, ready for you to choose a date(s).

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE YOUR CHURCH COMMUNITY - The Altar Guild is looking for new members. Members assist with the set-up and clean up of the Altar once monthly. On special occasions, like Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas, we have the joy of decorating of the church. Please contact Lois at the office and we will get back to you.



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