

A lit candle is the central focus, positioned on the right side of the frame. The candle is white with a bright, glowing flame. The background is a deep red, filled with soft, out-of-focus floral patterns. At the bottom of the image, there are clusters of holly leaves and bright red berries. The overall mood is warm and festive.

O COME,  
ALL YE

*Faithful*

JOYFUL  
AND  
TRIUMPH

***Christmas Eve 2021***  
***St. James Anglican Church***  
***at 7:00 pm***

***Welcome!***

**Gathering Music**

*Jim Hodgkinson*

**Peal of Bells**

*Peter Ryde*

**Processional Hymn #118 - vs 1, 5 (organ)**

**O Come All Ye Faithful**

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.*

Yay, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
*Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:*  
*O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

**The Gathering of the Community**

*Presider*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

***All***

**And also with you**

## The Collect for Christmas



Let us pray,

*All*

**Holy God,  
the darkness that covered the earth  
has given way to the brightness of your Son  
Jesus, the Light of the world.  
Make us a people of this Light, and  
faithful followers of Jesus,  
that we may carry his hope,  
peace, joy and love into our homes, our  
communities, and beyond.  
This we pray in the name of the Father, Son  
and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Reading**

Isaiah 9: 2 – 7

**Reader:** *David Van Schaik*

**Gradual Hymn #121** - vs. 1,2 (piano)

**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.

**The Story of the Birth of Jesus  
According to St. Luke**

**Hymn # 126** - vs. 1,3 (piano)

**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.

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

**The Prayers of the People**

**Intercessor:** *Jane Whittemore*

Sisters and brothers, as we celebrate this night the birth of Jesus Christ, let us come together in prayer, saying,

**Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.**

*Leader*            Loving God, we give thanks for all the blessings of your Creation, and we pray that we might always strive to be good stewards of this beautiful earth.

*All*                    **Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.**

*Leader*            Jesus, Child of Bethlehem, you fled to escape hate and violence. We pray for all refugees, and those who those who live in fear; bring them to a place of safety.

*All*                    **Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Lord Jesus, you were forced to hide by a cruel leader. We pray for the leaders of the world, that they would make wise and just decisions, respecting the dignity of every human being.

*All* **Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Jesus, Prince of Peace, you came to bring peace so that nation would not take up sword against nation. In the words the prophet Isaiah, we ask that swords be beaten into ploughshares, and that there would be peace on earth.

*All* **Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Lord Jesus, you came from a poor family, and brought hope and healing to all those who came to you in need. Help us to be your hands and heart, and to share what we have with others.

*All* **Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Lord Jesus, you reached out and walked with outcasts, so that they could see God's love. We pray for that feel rejected and unloved. Help us to follow your example, reaching out in love to those around us.

*All* **Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* **And also with you**

**Hymn #148 See Amid the Winter Snow - vs. 1,5 (organ)**

See amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below,  
see, the tender lamb appears, promised from eternal years!  
Hail, thou ever blessed morn!  
Hail, redemptions happy dawn!  
Sing through all Jerusalem:  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Sacred infant, all divine, what a mighty love was thine,  
thus, to come from highest bliss down to such a world as this!  
Hail, thou ever blessed morn!  
Hail, redemptions happy dawn!  
Sing through all Jerusalem:  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

**Prayer: This Blessed Night (piano)**

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

**Hymn #122 In The Bleak Midwinter - vs. 1,4 (piano)**

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.

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.

## **Prayer**

As we gather this night, we remember Jesus,  
your Word made flesh, dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in Jesus' life and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming into our hearts.

May your Word live in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Blessing, praise and thanksgiving to you,

O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Hymns #137 What Child Is This? - vs. 1,3 (piano)**

What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
while 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.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
come, peasant, king, to own him.

The King of kings' salvation brings;  
that loving hearts enthrone him.

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 Lord's Prayer**

As our saviour taught us, let us pray,

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

**Hymn #146 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime - vs.1,4**  
(piano)

'Twas in the moon of wintertime,  
when all the birds had fled,  
that mighty Gitchi Manitou  
sent Angel choirs instead;  
before their light the stars grew dim,  
and wandering hunters heard the hymn:  
Jesus your king is born, Jesus his born,  
in excelsis gloria.

O children of the forest free,  
beloved of Manitou,  
the holy child of earth and heaven  
is born today for you.  
Come, kneel before the radiant boy,  
who brings you beauty, peace, and joy:  
Jesus your king is born, Jesus is born,  
in excelsis gloria.

## **Prayer: This Radiant Night**

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.

## **Hymn #119 Silent Night - vs 1,3 (piano)**

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!  
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.

*Presider*      Glory to God,  
*All*              **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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Blessing

**Recessional Hymn #8** - vs 1,3 (organ)



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 in Bethlehem!”

*Hark! The herald angels sing.....*

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all he 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.

*Hark! The herald angels sing.....*

## The Dismissal

*Deacon*

Let us go into the world in peace, to love  
and to serve the Lord!

*All*

**Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

*Jim Hodgkinson*



***MERRY CHRISTMAS!  
AND MAY GOD BLESS US EVERYONE!***

The Rev'd Canon Dr. Lorne Mitchell ~ Rector  
The Rev'd Canon Tom Patterson ~ Deacon  
The Rev. Stephanie Donaldson ~ Deacon  
Kyle Gascho ~ Crucifer/Verger  
Dave Allely ~ AV Technician  
  
Jim Hodgkinson ~ Music  
Peter Ryde ~ Master of the Bells  
  
The St. James Church Wardens:  
Pam Ayres ~ James Noble  
Dianne Gaffney ~ Nancy McCallum



*The Flowers on the High Altar are given today,  
To the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
~ A very special husband, Russ Boone ~  
God made a perfect gentleman, compassionate and kind.  
I will miss him forever. Carol*



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