

Order of Service for December 26, 2021  
The First Sunday after Christmas  
Service of Holy Communion

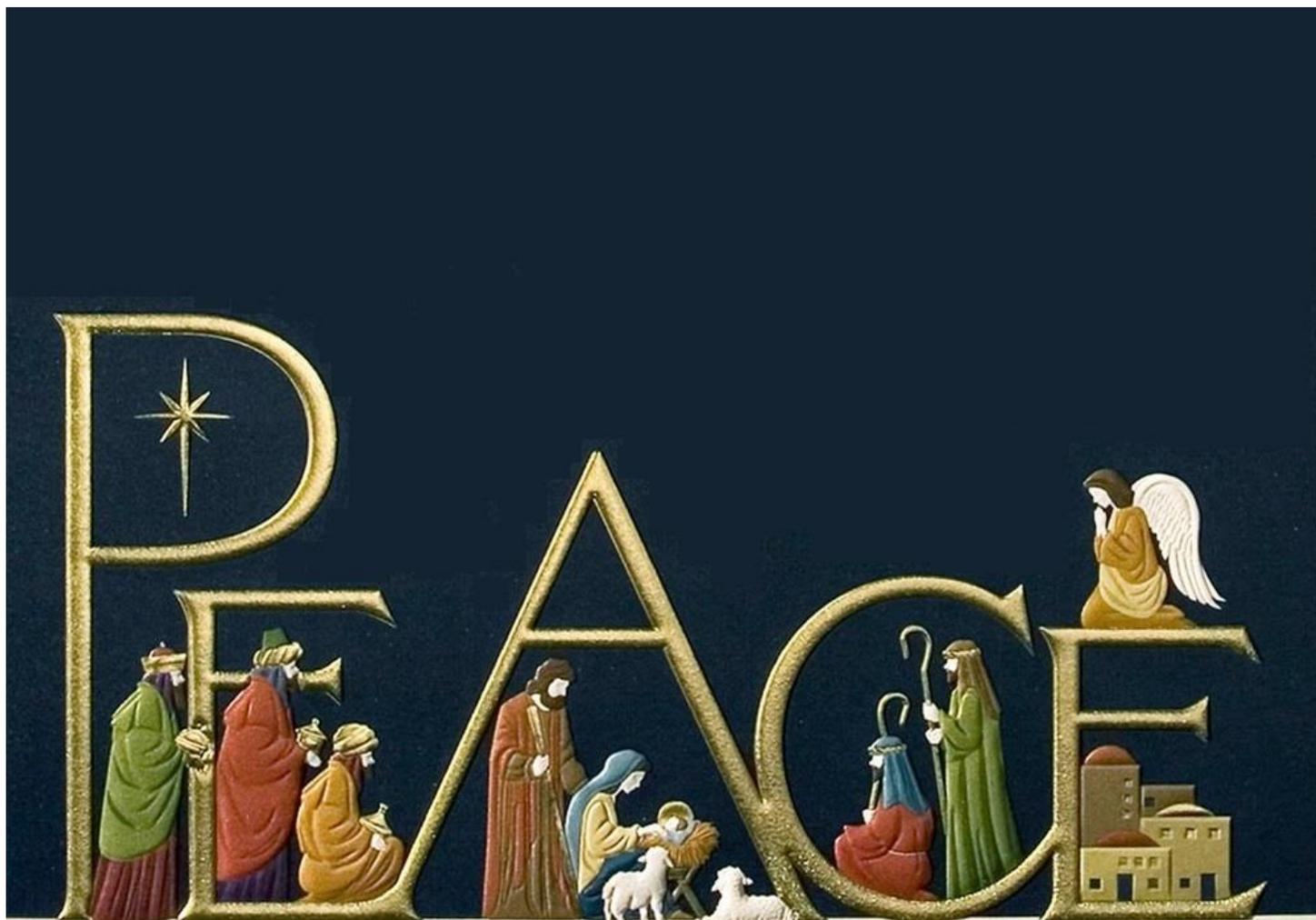
9:30 am

Officiating: The Rev'd Fergus Tyson

Assisting: The Rev'd Betty Nadurak



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



**Above all, clothe yourselves with love,  
which binds everything together in perfect harmony.  
And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.**

**Colossians 3:14-15a**

# Service of Holy Eucharist

## 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

### The First Reading

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord"; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

1 SAMUEL 2:18-20, 26

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

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

**Psalm 148** (screens)

### The Second Reading

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to

which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

**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.*

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

LUKE 2:41-52

**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** (screens) (Choir Anthem: “Mary, Did You Know?”)

**Prayer over the Gifts** (screens)

**Eucharistic Prayer** (screens)

**The Lord’s Prayer** (screens)

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

**The Communion** (screens)

**Hymns During Communion:** In the Bleak Midwinter;  
What Child is This?

**Prayer after Communion** (screens)

**Doxology** (screens)

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn:** Good Christians All, Rejoice (screens)

**Dismissal** (screens)

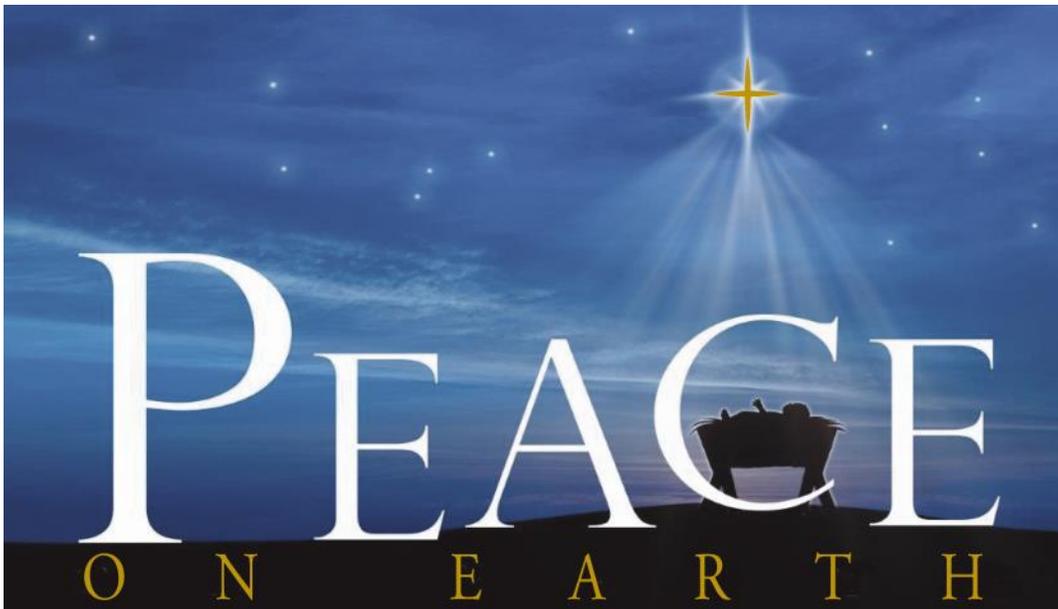
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At present, we’re unable to share a post-Service Coffee Time in the Hall, but everyone is invited to join us for a Virtual Coffee Time today at 11:30 am. Here’s the Zoom link: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/87399496922?pwd=eWxvZDdTYUVuNjJZdUZ4MjFHWFdQdz09>. We’d love to share this time of fellowship with you!

Reserved Sacrament can be picked up from the Office on Monday to Friday from 9 am to noon. If you are not partaking during the Service, a written copy of the “Prayer for Communion” is available on our website in the same location as this Order of Service.

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**Traditional Land Acknowledgement:** Creator, you made all people of every land. In the spirit of respect and truth, we honour the traditional Treaty 7 territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy, including the Siksika, Kainai, and Piikani Nations, the Stoney Nakoda, including the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Wesley Nations, and the Tsuu T’ina Nation. We acknowledge the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region Three. In the spirit of reconciliation and because we are all treaty people, we also acknowledge all people who make their homes in the traditional Treaty 7 territory of Southern Alberta.



## 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 2021, and we journey forth together, with our trust and hope in you our God, into 2022.*



The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God .