



# Service of Holy Eucharist

**Christmas Day 2022**

**Order of Service**

**9:30 am**

**Officiating & Preaching:**

**The Rev'd Dr. Norman Knowles**

**We welcome you this Christmas Day**

## The Gathering of the Community

**Pre-service Music:** CP (Blue Book) # 139: The First Nowell

**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymn:** CP #118 O Come, All Ye Faithful (screens)

**Greeting:** p. 185 (Book of Alternative Services - green book) (screens)

**Collect for Purity:** p. 185 (screens)

**Glory to God:** p. 186 (screens)

**Collect of the Day (screens)**

## The Proclamation of the Word

### The First Reading

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

ISAIAH 52:7-10

**Reader:** The word of the Lord

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

**Psalms 98:** p. 836 (screens)

### The Epistle Reading

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds,

and his servants flames of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end."

HEBREWS 1:1-12

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

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

**Gradual Hymn:** CP #120: O Little Town of Bethlehem (screens)

### The Holy Gospel

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** The Alleluia (sung)

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..*

**Gospel Acclamation:** The Alleluia (sung)

### Sermon

**The Nicene Creed:** p. 188 (screens)

### The Prayers of the People

(The people sit or kneel for the prayers)

**Christmas Litany (screens)**

**Confession and Absolution:** p. 191 (screens)

**The Peace:** p. 192 (screens)

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

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

**Prayer over the Gifts** (screens)

**Eucharistic Prayer #3:** p. 198 (screens)

**Proper Preface for Christmas:** p. 219 (screens)

**The Lord's Prayer, Form 2:** p. 211 (screens)

**The Breaking of the Bread, Form 6:** p. 21 (screens)

**Christ Our Passover:** p. 227 (screens)

**The Communion** (You're invited to partake.)

**Communion Hymns:** (screens)

CP # 137: What Child is This?

CP # 126: Away in the Manger

**Hymn after Communion:** CP #138: Hark the Herald Angels Sing

**Prayer after Communion** (screens)

**Doxology:** p. 214 (screens)

**The Blessing**

**Announcements**

**Closing Hymn** CP#154: Joy to the World (screens)

**Dismissal** (screens)

*The clergy, wardens, and staff wish you all a most blessed Christmas.*

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Reserved Sacrament can be picked up from the Office on Tuesday to Thursday 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.**





**Sunday Service: January 1 9:30 am**

**Regular Sunday Services are at 9:30 am**

**Wednesday Holy Eucharist: 9:30 am, on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays; resuming January 18.**

**Our thanks to the altar guild, choir, clergy, pageant directors and participants, secretary, servers, sidespeople, and all who have contributed to our worship during this holy Season.**



**The art on the cover is “Nativity Scene,” a 2017 mixed media installation in Museum London by Kent Monkman, an interdisciplinary visual artist, who is a member of Fisher River Cree Nation in Treaty 5 Territory.**



***The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Jane Sandul.***