# First Sunday After Christmas

## Sunday, December 29th, 2024

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Colossians 3:15,16*

**St Paul's Cathedral**
London, Ontario | Anglican Diocese of Huron

## SUNG EUCHARIST (Book of Alternative Services)

*Please stand when clergy enter.*

**Prelude** *A Christmas Pastorale* — A Heron

**Opening Hymn** *Good Christians All, Rejoice* — **Blue Book 153**

### The Gathering of the Community

*Presider* From the Christ who was, who is and who is to come: Grace, Peace and Love be with you.
*All* **And also with you.**

### The Collect of the Day

*Presider* Let us pray.
Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
*People* **Amen.**

*"Children's Corner" – Children are welcome to join Heather at the back of the Cathedral.*

### Proclamation of the Word

*Today's Readers: The Rev. Canon Marian Haggerty, Brody Weekes*

*(Silence is observed between the readings and the homily for reflection.)*

**A Reading** from the First Book of Samuel:

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**

**A Reading** from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians:

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.**

**Sequence Hymn** *Once in Royal David's City* **Blue Book 123**

**(Verses 1 & 2 before the Gospel/Verse 3 & 4 after the Gospel.)**

**Holy Gospel** *Luke 2:41-52*

*Reader* The Lord be with you.
*People* **And also with you.**

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
*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.

*Reader* The Gospel of Christ.
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily** The Reverend Pat Henderson *Please be seated*

**The Nicene Creed** *Please stand*

*Presider* Let us confess our faith, as we say,
*All* **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

*Leader* Filled with good news of great joy, let us offer our prayers for the church, the earth, and all people. I invite you to take a comfortable posture: standing, sitting or kneeling for the Prayers of the People.

*A brief silence.*

For those who teach and those who learn, we pray. Bless the education ministries of your church. Guide Sunday school teachers, college and seminary professors, and Bible study leaders in our ongoing faith formation and curiosity. God of grace,

*People* **receive our prayer.**

*Leader* For the nations of the world, we pray. Raise up rulers who lead with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Let your peace rule in their hearts and in all lands *especially in The Middle Eastern regions, Ukraine)*. God of grace,

*People* **receive our prayer.**

*Leader* For the well-being of your people we pray. Keep watch over all who travel this Christmas season. Accompany those who are alone or ill. We pray especially for *Ann & Ellis, Jim, Mary and Margaret, Norm and Jeff, Marilyn, Micah, Cathnese, Trudy*. Console parents and children whose relationships are strained or severed. God of grace,

*People* **receive our prayer.**

*Leader* For the ministry of this place, we pray. Let the word of Christ dwell among us. In times of conflict, clothe us in love and move us to forgiveness. God of grace,

*People* **receive our prayer.**

*Leader* For your holy, beloved, and chosen ones of every time and place, we give thanks. Draw us all into everlasting praise and joy. God of grace,

*People* **Receive our prayer.**

*Leader* We commend these prayers to you, O God, trusting your grace made known to all, through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
**Amen.**



**Confession and Absolution**

*Presider* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

*Presider* Most merciful God,

*All* **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

**The Peace** *Please stand*

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

*People* **And also with you.**

**Offertory Hymn** *All Poor Folk and Humble* **Blue Book 151**

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### Prayer over the Gifts

*Presider* God of light, in the birth of your Son we see your glory. May we who share in this mystery grow daily in your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
*People* **Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Presider* The Lord be with you.
*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh, and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world, that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.



**SANCTUS—DEUTSCHE MESSE**

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*Presider* We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.
On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to

you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

*All* **we remember his death,**
**we proclaim his resurrection,**
**we await his coming in glory;**

*Presider* and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

*People*

**AMEN**

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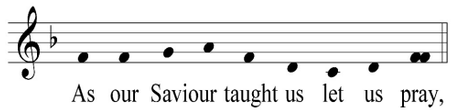
## Lord's Prayer

*Presider:*

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AGNUS DEI

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**The Communion**

*Presider* The gifts of God for the People of God.
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

***Gluten-free communion wafers*** *are available. Please indicate your wish to the administrant at Communion.*

**Communion Hymn** *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* **Blue Book 117**

**Prayer after Communion** *Please stand*

*Presider* Let us pray.
Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
*People* **Amen.**



**Doxology**

*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.**

**Post Communion Hymn** *Joy to the World* **Blue Book 154**

**Blessing and Dismissal**

*The Deacon dismisses the congregation in these or similar words:*

*Deacon* Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia.
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

**Postlude** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

**Coffee Hour**
**After the service please come for coffee in Cronyn Hall.**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Diocese of Huron Chain of Prayer** – Today we pray for the Parishes of Trinity, Durham; St. James, Fairmount; and Christ Church, Markdale.

**Today's Liturgical Leaders**

*Presider* – **The Very Reverend Dr. Kevin George**
*Preacher* – **The Reverend Pat Henderson**
*Gospeller* – **The Reverend Pat Henderson**
*Interim Organist* – **Dr. Matthew Pope, DMA**
*Associate Organist* – **Olakunie Aoko**
*Bell Ringer* – **Stephanie Allen**
*Servers* – **Stephanie Allen, Pat Binnington, Victor Onebunne, Doug Campbell**
*Lay Administrants* – **Marsha Lemon, Gord Rolleston**
*Greeters* – **Florence Perkes, Sharon McCormick**
*Prayers of the People* – **Tina George**
*Children's Ministry* – **Heather Clark**
*Wardens* – **Gord Rolleston, Marsha Lemon**
*Live Stream/Sound* – **Jade Vajna**

**The Right Reverend Todd Townshend**

*Bishop of Huron*

**The Very Reverend Dr. Kevin George**

*Dean of Huron & Rector of St. Paul's Cathedral*

**The Venerable Sam Thomas**

Senior Associate Priest/Director of Pastoral Care

**The Rev'd Dr. Dawn Davis**

*Director of Faith Formation*

**The Reverend Pat Henderson**

*Deacon*

**The Reverend Canon Marian Haggerty**

*Honorary Assistant Emeritus*

**The Reverend Dr. Joshua Samuel**

*Resident Theologian*

**Matthew Pope**

*Interim Organist & Director of Music*

**Gregory Childs**

*Church Warden*

**Gord Rolleston**

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**Heather Clark**

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**Carrie Fieldhouse**

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