

ST. COLUMBA ANGLICAN-UNITED CHURCH

First Sunday after Christmas
December 29, 2024
Christmas Hymn Sing
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Mission Statement

As followers of Jesus Christ, our church is a community called to love, honour, worship, and serve God. We invite others to share our Christian journey as we grow in faith and engage in ministry in our town and mission in our world.

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Welcome and Announcements
Land Acknowledgement

***Hymn MV 1 Let Us Build a House v 1 and 5**

***Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions; rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of all shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.***

***Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.***

Words and music: Marty Haugen.

Bishop's Christmas Message

***Hymn MV 158 Dream a Dream**

***Dream a dream, a hopeful dream,
as children do on Christmas Eve,
imaginings, surprising things
to hold and to believe.***

***Dream a time, this Christmas time,
when no one's hungry or afraid;
that weapons go and harvests grow,
that friends are met and made.***

***Dream a peace, our planet's peace,
the greening of the earth at play,
the holy ground where life is found,
where God has touched the clay.***

***Dream a gift, the Christmas gift
that changes every thing we see:
the shimmering of angel wing,
the Child, the Mystery.***

Words and arrangement: Rory Cooney.

Hutlilala's! Listen deeply as Scripture is proclaimed.

Psalm 148 VU 871

Refrain: *Let the whole creation cry, "Glory be to God on high."*

Praise God from the heavens; give praise in the heights! Give praise, all you angels; praise God, all you hosts!

Praise God, sun and moon, give praise, stars and lights! Praise God, farthest heavens, and all waters beyond heaven!

R: Let the whole creation cry, "Glory be to God on high."

Let all things praise the Holy One, at whose command they were created, who established them for all time, setting bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise God from the earth, great sea creatures and ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and frost, gales that obey God's decree,

all mountains and hills, all fruit trees and cedars, wild animals and cattle, creatures winged and earth-bound,

sovereigns who rule earth and its people, all who govern and judge this world, young men and women alike, old people and children together!

R: Let the whole creation cry, "Glory be to God on high."

Let all things praise the name of God, the name above every other, whose splendor covers heaven and earth.

You give strength to your people, songs of praise to your faithful, to Israel, the people dear to your heart.

R: Let the whole creation cry, "Glory be to God on high."

***Hymn VU 70 There's a Star in the East**

***There's a star in the East on Christmas morn,
rise up, shepherd and follow;
it will lead to the place where the Christ was born;
rise up, shepherd, and follow.
Follow, follow, rise up, shepherd, and follow,
follow the Star of Bethlehem,
rise up, shepherd, and follow.***

***If you take good heed to the angel's words,
rise up, shepherd and follow,
you'll forget your flocks, you'll forget your herds;
rise up, shepherd, and follow.
Follow, follow, rise up, shepherd, and follow,
follow the Star of Bethlehem,
rise up, shepherd, and follow.***

Colossians 3: 12-17

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Hymn VU 73 The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy**

***The virgin Mary had a baby boy,
the virgin Mary had a baby boy,
the virgin Mary had a baby boy,
and they say that his name is Jesus.
He come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom.
He come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom.
O yes! believer!
O yes! believer!
He come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom.***

***The angels sang when the baby born,
the angels sang when the baby born,
the angels sang when the baby born,
and they say that his name is Jesus.
He come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom.
He come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom.
O yes! believer!
O yes! believer!
He come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom.***

***The shepherds came where the baby born,
the shepherds came where the baby born,
the shepherds came where the baby born,
and they say his name is Jesus.
He come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom.
He come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom.
O yes! believer!
O yes! believer!
He come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom.***

***The Gospel**

Luke 2:41-52

**Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!
Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “Into the Neighbourhood” by Rev. Jason Meyers

*Hymn VU 56 **Jesus, Our Brother**

*Jesus, our brother, kind and good,
was humbly born in a stable rude,
and the friendly beasts around him stood,
Jesus, our brother, kind and good.*

*I, said the donkey, shaggy and brown,
I carried the mother up hill and down,
I carried his mother to Bethlehem town;
I, said the donkey, shaggy and brown.*

*I, said the cow all white and red,
I gave him my manger for his bed;
I gave him my hay to pillow his head;
I, said the cow all white and red.*

*I, said the sheep with curly horn,
I gave him my wool for his blanket warm,
he wore my coat on Christmas morn;
I, said the sheep with curly horn.*

*I, said the dove, from the rafters high,
I cooed him to sleep that he should not cry,
we cooed him to sleep, my mate and I;
I, said the dove, from the rafters high.*

*Thus all the beasts, by some good spell,
in the stable dark were glad to tell
of the gifts they gave Emmanuel,
the gifts they gave Emmanuel.*

Prayers of the People

*The Lord’s Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us we are bold to say,
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Hymn VU 48 **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

***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 hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"***

***Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"***

***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 us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"***

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

(We share a sign of peace with one another)

*Offertory Hymn VU 38 **Angels We Have Heard on High** v 1, 2

***Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!***

***Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!***

Prayer Over the Gifts

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 **Amen.**

*Hymn VU 35 **Good Christian Friends Rejoice**

***Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Give ye heed to what we say:
News! News! Jesus Christ is born today.***

***Ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!***

***Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Now ye hear of endless bliss:
Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this!***

***He hath opened heaven's door,
and we are blest for evermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!***

***Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Now ye need not fear the grave:
Peace! Peace! Jesus Christ was born to save!***

***Calls you one and calls you all
to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!***

Commissioning & Benediction

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favour and grant us peace. **Amen.**

***Three-fold Amen**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God! Amen! Gilakas'la!

Announcements

Coffee following the service! Lunch downstairs if you wish

Canned and dried food are always appreciated

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