



*St. Catherine's Anglican Church is near the heart of Edgemont Village in North Vancouver on the ancestral lands of the Coast Salish peoples, including the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and səliilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.*

**Christmas Eve, 2025, 3 p.m.  
Family Service with Pantomime**

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*As you arrive, please visit the craft tables.  
Children are invited to create puppets  
for the pantomime.*

**Prelude: Christmas Carols** (*accompanied by Hyejung Jun*)  
*Pick up an instrument and join in the singing!*

### **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 host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."

*Refrain:* 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 the favoured one.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail, the incarnate deity  
pleased, as one of us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel! (*Refrain*)

**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 them second birth. (*Refrain*)

## **Angels We Have Heard on High**

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

*Refrain:* Gloria in excelsis Deo

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heavenly song? (*Refrain*)

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Christ whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee,  
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. (*Refrain*)

See him in a manger laid,  
whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
while our hearts in love we raise. (*Refrain*)

## **Joy to the World**

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:  
let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns:  
let us glad songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy.

No more let wrongs and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as our sin is found,  
far as our sin is found,  
far as, far as, our sin is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love  
And wonders, wonders of his love.

### **Welcome and Candle Lighting**

*Rev. Sarah*

### **Opening Prayer**

*Rev. Sarah*

God of love,  
we thank you for Christmas, for the love  
and peace the Christ child brings.  
We pray for peace in our world and an end to war.  
Instead of hatred, let there be love.  
Shelter your children and protect us.  
Guide us and keep us from harm, so we can build a world  
of love and live as you show us. **Amen.**

## **Interactive Nativity Tale**

*Script: John McGie*  
*Props: Marion Porter*  
*Narrator: The Rev. Sarah Lehman*  
*Tour Guide: Vivian McGie*  
*Characters: EVERYONE!*

*Adults and children are invited to become part of the play!*

### **Scene 1: Rome**

*Cast: King Augustus*

### **Scene 2: Nazareth**

*Cast: Mary, Joseph, Donkey*

### **Scene 3: Journey to Bethlehem**

*Cast: Mary, Joseph, Donkey, and anyone who wishes to join the journey!*

### **Scene 4: No Room in the Inn**

*Cast: Joseph, Mary, Donkey, Nice Innkeeper, Other Innkeepers that say "no!"*

### **Scene 5: Gathering of the Animals**

*Cast: All Animals*

### **Scene 6: The Barn**

*Cast: Mary, Joseph and all the Animals*

### **Scene 7: Travelling to the Shepherds in the Field**

*Cast: Shepherds, Sheep, Angel, Choir of Angels  
& anyone else who wants to come*

### **Scene 8: Shepherds in a Field**

*Cast: Shepherds, Sheep, Angels*

**Scene 9: Travelling back to the Barn**

**Scene 10: Barn**

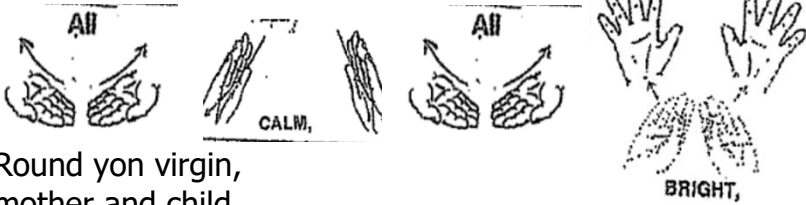
*Cast: Mary, Joseph, Baby, Shepherds, Animals*

**Interlude: Silent Night with Sign Language**  
*(Music by Hyejung Jun)*

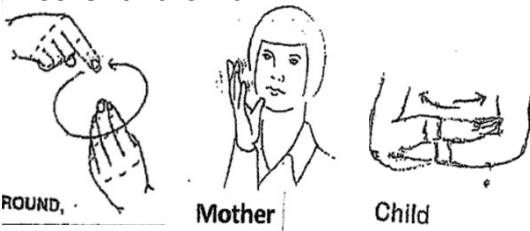
Silent night! Holy night!



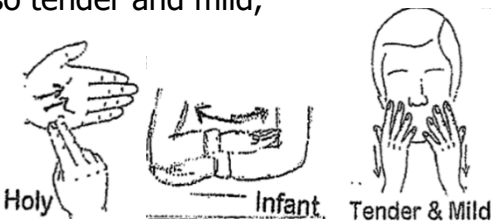
All is calm, all is bright



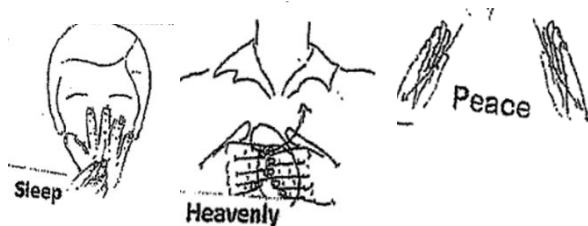
Round yon virgin,  
mother and child.



Holy infant,  
so tender and mild,



Sleep in heavenly peace.  
Sleep in heavenly peace.



## Blessing

Rev. Sarah

May the babe of Bethlehem be yours to tend;  
may the boy of Nazareth be yours for friend;  
may the man of Galilee his healing send;  
may the Christ of Calvary his courage lend;  
may the Risen Lord his presence send  
And his holy angels defend you, to the end. **Amen.**

## Scene 12 The Three Wise Folks

*If you wish to make a donation,  
there are offertory plates as you leave the service.*

We wish you and your family  
a blessed and peaceful  
Christmas and New Year!

*Do you have questions about bringing your family to church, introducing your children (or yourself!) to the "Big Questions", or the baptism of babies, children, or adults, please reach out to our priest, Rev. Sarah Lehman at [rev.sarah@saint-catherines.org](mailto:rev.sarah@saint-catherines.org).*



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