



**Order of Service for December 24, 2025
CHRISTMAS EVE 2025**

Celebration of Holy Eucharist 10 p.m.

Officiating: The Rev'd Tony Hilling

Assisting: The Rev'd Deacon Betty Nadurak



**St. Paul's
Anglican Church**

Opening Hearts and Minds to God's Grace

**The people who walk
in darkness have seen
a great light
Isaiah 9:2**



The Gathering of the Community

Welcome

Carols by Candlelight (screens)

CP # 136 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

CP # 122 In the Bleak Midwinter

CP # 140 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

CP # 148 See Amid the Winter's Snow

CP # 138 Hark the Herald Angels Sing

CP # 145 Good King Wenceslas

Processional Hymn: CP #118 O Come All Ye Faithful (Verses 1, 3, 4 and 5) (screens)

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

Collect for Purity: p. 185 (screens)

Glory to God p. 186 (screens)

Kyrie Eleison P. 186 (screens)

Collect of the Day ... p. 273 (screens)

Gloria: Angels We Have Heard on High (screens)

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

A reading from the book of Isaiah

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. You have multiplied the exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to

us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9:2-7

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalms 96 p.834 (screens)

The Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to Titus

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Titus 2:11-14

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual Hymn: CP # 121 O Little Town of Bethlehem

The Holy Gospel

Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

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

Gospel Acclamation: The Alleluia (sung)

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the

city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!" When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Luke 2:1-20 (RSV)

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Gospel Acclamation: The Alleluia (sung)

Homily

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

The Prayers of the People (screens) *(The people sit or kneel for the prayers)*

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

The Peace (screens)

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: Mary's Song (screens)

Prayer over the Gifts ... p. 273 (screens)

Eucharistic Prayer #6 ... p. 207 (screens)

The Lord's Prayer Form 1 p... 211 (screens)

The Breaking of the Bread, Form 6 ... p. 213 (screens)

Agnus Dei (screens)

The Communion p. 213 (screens)

Communion Hymns: (screens)

Mary Did You Know?

CP #117 Lo, How A Rose E-er Blooming

CP #142 Sleep Sweet Child Thy Mother Watches

CP #137 What Child Is This?

CP #146 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

CP # 126 Away in a Manger (Murray)

Hymn After Communion: From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable (screens)

Prayer after Communion ... p. 274 (screens)

Post Communion Hymn: CP # 119 Silent Night

Doxology (screens)

The Blessing

Announcements

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

Sending (screens)

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.

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

***Christmas Day Service:
Thursday, Dec. 25 at
10:00 a.m.***

***Regular Sunday
Services are 10:00 a.m.***

***Wednesday Morning
Prayer: 9:30 a.m.
resuming in January.***

***Our thanks to the altar
guild, choir, clergy,
pageant organizers
and participants, office
administrator, servers,
sidespeople, and all
ministries that have
contributed to our
worship during this
holy Season.***



The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of our risen Lord.