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Eve of Christmas

Sung Eucharist ~11 p.m.
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Welcome to the Church of St. John the Evangelist

We acknowledge that we gather at St. John's on the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Nation. May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.



This service is video recorded, streamed, and broadcast. By attending this service, you are agreeing to appear on video in our on-line worship offering through St. John's website and Facebook pages.



Hymns are from the [blue](#) Common Praise hymnbook unless otherwise indicated.

Today's service can be found on page 185 of the [green](#) Book of Alternative Services ([BAS](#)) located in the pew-back in front of you.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude –

126 – “Away in A Manager” (arr.

Young)

Announcements

Processional (Opening) Hymn

138 – “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Greeting

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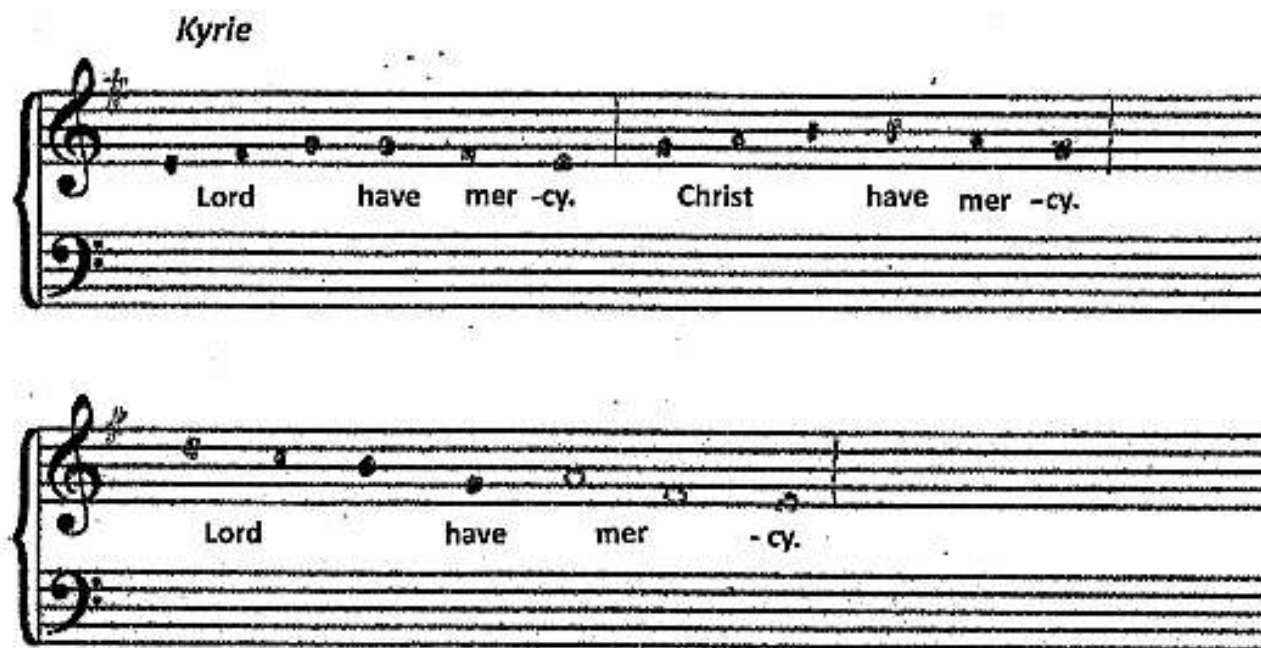
Collect

for

Purity

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The Kyrie *Sung as printed here.*



Collect of the Day

Eternal God,
this holy night is radiant
with the brilliance of your one true light.
As we have known
the revelation of that light on earth,
bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

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 nation,
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 Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
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 onwards and for evermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 89: (vs. 1-4, 19-29)

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Tune

From age to age I will proclaim
Your faith, forever sing your love;
Your faithfulness endures always,
Your love is set in heaven above.

"To David I have sworn an oath;
Made covenant with him alone:
'I will maintain your line always,
Eternally preserve your throne.'

For he will say, 'You are my God,
My Father, Rock, and saving health';
And I will make him my firstborn,
And higher than the kings of earth.

My covenant will stand secure
And I will love him as my own;
Eternal as the days of heaven
Will be his kingdom and his throne."

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 28 by Owen Alstott, OCP, 1990.



Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

Gospeller: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and

family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth 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 heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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Prayers of the People

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People may greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Offertory Hymn (Red Hymn book)

1 – "A Candle Is

Burning"

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

Source of light and gladness,
accept all we offer on this joyful feast.
May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours;
for he is Lord now and for ever.
Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer 2

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Sanctus (*sung*)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.

God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est.

Bles - sed is he, O bles - sed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho -

san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on eight staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases extending across bar lines. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span multiple notes. The score concludes with a double bar line on the eighth staff.

The Lord's Prayer *(sung)*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;
Your kingdom come;
Your will be done
On earth, as in heav'n.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are yours;
Now and forever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread 5

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Celebrant: God of promise,
you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

**All: Happy are those who are called
to supper of the Lamb.**

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) *Sung as printed here.*

O lamb of God that ta - kest a - way the sin of the world, Have
mer - cy u - pon us. O us. O lamb of God that
ta - kest a - way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.

The image shows a musical score for the Agnus Dei. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff has a first ending bracket over the final two measures. The third staff ends with a double bar line.

Communion

All who are baptized are welcome to receive the bread and/or the wine of Holy Communion. At the Greeter's direction, please make your way to receive the elements if you wish to. All are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Hymns during Communion

"O Holy Night"

"Still, Still, Still" (arr. Hobson)

"Sheep May Safely Graze" (Bach)

Prayer after Communion

Father of all,
tonight you have united earth and heaven
in sending your Son to take our human nature.
May we who have tasted heavenly things
share in the life of his eternal kingdom.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

119 – "Silent

Night"

Dismissal

**The flowers in the Church this Christmas are given to the glory of
God and in thanksgiving and remembrance for:**

Clifford Orr

Arthur & Nora Colman
Gary Colman

John & Doreen Cassell
Ernest & Lyla Dowdall

Violet Churchill

Charles & Esther Roberts
Jim & Sadie Roberts
Roy Roberts
Barry, Geoff, Paul
Alan & Marion

Clair & Grace Kelso
Sarah & Harold Millar
Edna, Dave, & Tom Good
Wilhelmine Hill
Luella Randall

Norm, Florence, Earl & Joan Porter
Bill, Keitha, & Mable Porter
Boyd & Eileen Thompson
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Reta Troop

Leslie & Kathleen Lewis
David Hall
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Elaine & Tom Moyse
Debra Bellevue

Joyce & Bill Swenson
Edna & Ross Barber
Carol Levere
Ann Barber

Roy & Lois McLaren
Charles Evoy

Matthew Walker
Wilma & Chip Burrows
Bill Lee

Pat & Lily Willis

Art & Lila Powers

Henry Hauraney

Graham Hall

This evening's ministry team

Presiding Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer

Reader/Intercessor: Debbie Lewis

Communion Assistant: Kevin Lewis

Greeters: Debbie Lewis

Altar Guild: Jessica Coughlan & Debbie Lewis

Organist: Wendy Stokes-Earl

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