



December 28th, 2025
The First Sunday of Christmas

Service of Holy Communion
10:00 am

If you are joining us for the first time, welcome!

We hope you feel at home.

Acknowledgement and Thanksgiving for the Land

Opening Hymn: "In The Bleak Midwinter"

Blue 122

Welcome

Greeting

Green 185

The Collect of the Day

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us, and the great favour to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, 'Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely'; and he became their saviour in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

(Isaiah 63:7-9)

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148

**Read responsively*

Gospel Proclamation

Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

Gradual: "Away in a Manger" vs 1

Blue 126

Gospeler: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.' When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: 'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.' When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazorean.

(Matthew 2:13-23)

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

Gradual: **"Away in a Manger" vs 2** Blue 126

Sermon: The Rev. Michelle Jones

Our Response to the Word

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: Hear us, O God.

All: **Your mercy is great.**

Confession and Absolution Green 191

The Peace *Please stand* Green 192

Offertory Hymn: "'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime" Blue 146

Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer # 1 Green 193

After the Sanctus you have the option to remain standing, sit, or kneel as is your preference.

The Lord's Prayer

Green 211

Breaking of the Bread #6

Green 213

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. (Repeat) Lamb of God, you take the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

The Communion of the People

The Invitation to Holy Communion

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the priest. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of receiving Communion, you may indicate your choice by crossing your hands over your chest. Those who wish to have Holy Communion brought to them at their seat should notify a sidesperson.

Communion Hymns

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Blue 125

"What Child Is This"

Blue 137

Prayer after Communion

Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

Doxology

Green 214

The Blessing

Announcements

Closing Hymn: "Good Christians, All Rejoice"

Blue 153

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace.

People: Emmanuel is with us. Thanks be to God.

Announcements:

Vestry Reports Just a reminder that Vesty is soon approaching. Please submit your completed report to Grace at your earliest convenience. Having the reports completed ahead of time makes such a difference in preparing the full report. Thank you!

Please remember in your prayers this week:

North Peel Deanery: The Rev. Don Davidson and the people of Christ Church, Bolton

St. James Cycle of Prayer: Brad Canning, Mother Michelle Jones and Lily Canning, Jim and Brenda Cassell

Those in need: Sarah, Mario, Elizabeth, Emma G., Silvana, Rose, Rob, Gordon and Connor

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