



**Order of Service for December 28, 2025**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas**  
**Celebration of Holy Eucharist 10 a.m.**  
**Celebrating: 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*

**Hebrews 2: 17**  
**Therefore he had**  
**to become**  
**like his brothers**  
**and sisters**  
**in every respect,**  
**so that he might be**  
**a merciful**  
**and faithful**  
**high priest**



## **The Gathering of the Community**

**Pre-service Music:** Go Tell it on the Mountain  
(Please join in this time of worship, as we prepare  
for the service)

### **Welcome and Opening Prayer**

**Processional Hymn:** CP #138 Hark the Herald  
Angels Sing (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

**Collect of the Day** ... p. 276 (screens)

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

### **The First Reading**

#### **A reading from the book of Isaiah**

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...** p. 907 (screens)

### **The Epistle Reading**

#### **A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation

perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me." Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

**Hebrews 2:10-18**

**Reader:** The word of the Lord.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

**Gradual Hymn:** CP #120 O Little Town of Bethlehem (screens)

### **The Holy Gospel**

**Leader:** *The Lord be with you.*

**People:** *And also with you.*

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

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** The Alleluia (sung)

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**

**Leader:** The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** The Alleluia (sung)

**Song:** The Twelve Days of Christmas

### **Homily**

**The Apostles' Creed** ... p. 189 (screens)

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

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

**The Peace:** p. 192 (screens)

### **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Offertory Hymn:** CP # 135 Shepherds in the Fields Abiding (screens)

**Prayer over the Gifts** ... p. 277 (screens)

**Eucharistic Prayer #3** ... p. 198 (screens)

**Proper Preface** of the Lord's Day 1 ... p. 218

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

**The Breaking of the Bread,** Form 1 p. 212 (screens)

**Agnus Dei** (screens)

**The Communion** ... p. 213 (screens)

**Communion Hymns:** (screens)

CP # 125 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

CP # 122 In the Bleak Midwinter

CP # 148 See Amid the Winter's Snow

**Hymn After Communion:** Go Tell it on the Mountain (screens)

**Prayer after Communion** ... p. 277 (screens)

**Doxology** ... p. 214 (screens)

**The Blessing**

### **Announcements**

**Closing Hymn** CP # 139 The First Nowell (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.

## **Prayers for this Week**

*(bold italics indicate new or special emphasis this week)*

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for ***the Anglican Church of Canada***. In the Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycle, we pray for ***Henrieta Paukov, Director, and the staff of General Synod Communications and Information Resources; Amal Attia, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer and the staff of Financial Management and Administration***. In the Lutheran Church, we pray for ***Trina Gallop Blank, Assistant to the National Bishop, Communications and Resource Generation, and the staff of Communications***. In the Moravian Church we pray for ***Mike Riess, Executive Director, and staff of Interprovincial Board of Communications for the Moravian Church***.

In our Diocesan Cycle, we pray for ***the Cathedral Church of the Redeemer, Calgary and their clergy The Very Rev. Dr. Chris Dowdeswell, The Rev. Jim McDermott (Hon.) and The Rev. Eyad Ajji (Hon.)*** we also pray for ***the Refugee Committee***. We lift to you our friends in our Companion Diocese, the Windward Islands. We pray for ***St. George with St. Vincent, St. Peter, St. Luke and St. Alban on Grenada and their Incumbent The Ven. Michael Marshall, Rector***. We also pray for ***St. Patrick with St. Mary and St. Francis on Grenada and their Incumbent The Rev. Coleridge Brooker, Priest-in-Charge***.

In our Parish Cycle, we pray today for our clergy Tony Hilling, Betty Nadurak, Cyril Haynes, Sean Devlin, Garry MacDowall and their families.

**We pray for the special child** our Parish sponsors through Children Believe.

**Heavenly Father**, giver of life and health, comfort and strengthen those of our parish who are sick, injured or distressed, and those approaching or recovering from surgery, especially we lift up to you: Ari; Andrea; Dorothy Ann; Robbie; Patrick; Josh; Bob & Joanne; Michael; Scott; Kerin; Obiageli Gloria.

**We thank you** for your healing touch which sustains us every day; and for the many healings that have taken place in our parish, and your unending mercy as you hear our prayers.

**We pray for all those whose lives have been thrown in turmoil** by storms, floods, fires, famine, or other climate disasters. We remember all who are struggling economically. Please help us all to stand together in hard times.

**We pray for** the Indigenous Peoples of this land. We give thanks for the immeasurable privilege of sharing the journey of life together.

**We pray for** forgiveness for the terrible harm inflicted by Residential Schools, for the racism that still infects our hearts and is an open wound in our country; for an end to all forms of prejudice and bigotry; for justice; for reconciliation, and new paths forward that honour all God's precious children.

**We pray for** peace and justice in our own country and throughout the world. We remember the people of Ukraine, the Holy Land, USA, Nigeria, and all whose lives have been torn apart by violence. We pray for safe haven for over 80 million people in the world whom violence has forced to flee their homes.

**We stand in** solidarity with all whose lives have been devastated by human evil, and all seeking to make the world as it ought to be. **We pray for** protection and guidance for all in law enforcement or our military in danger at home or overseas. May your Holy Spirit guide world leaders to seek just resolutions to all conflicts, that all people may come to know your peace that passes all understanding and war be no more.



*With grateful hearts, the flowers on the altar are given  
to the glory of our risen Lord by Rick and Robbie Collier.*