

# *St. Andrew Anglican Church*

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*In this time and place we gather on the traditional land of the Anishinaabe, Cree,  
Dakota people and the homeland of the Metis Nation.*

*As we come from many places and peoples, we are grateful for their stewardship  
of this land and their hospitality which allows us to live,  
work and serve God the Creator here.*

# *First Sunday of Christmas*

*December 28, 2025*

*10:00 a.m. Service*

*Welcome to St. Andrew Anglican Church, Woodhaven.*

*All are welcome to participate fully and to receive Communion or a blessing.*

*Gluten Free wafers available*

## **Prelude**

*Improvisation Hymn Tune*

*Please stand, as you are able*

## **Processional Hymn**

Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven

BCP 353

## **The Greeting**

**Priest:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**People:** And also with you.

## **The Collect for Purity** *Please remain standing*

**Priest:** Let us pray. Almighty God,

**People:** to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we  
may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our  
Lord. Amen.

## **The Collect of the Day**

Doreen

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light,  
enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and  
reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

First Reading

Isaiah 63:7-9

Delores

The reading is written in the 63rd chapter of the book of Isaiah  
beginning at the 7th verse.

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.

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

**People:** Thanks be to God

**Psalm 148** *said together*

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; \*  
    praise him in the heights.  
Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
    praise him, all his host.  
Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
    praise him, all you shining stars.  
Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
    and you waters above the heavens.  
Let them praise the name of the Lord; \*  
    for he commanded, and they were created.  
He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
    he gave them a law which shall not pass away.  
Praise the Lord from the earth, \*  
    you sea-monsters and all deeps;  
Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
    tempestuous wind, doing his will;  
Mountains and all hills, \*  
    fruit trees and all cedars;  
Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
    creeping things and wingèd birds;  
Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
    princes and all rulers of the world;  
Young men and maidens, \*  
    old and young together.  
Let them praise the name of the Lord, \*  
    for his name only is exalted, his splendour is over earth and heaven.  
He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
    the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

**People:** Blessed are you, Lord our God, creator of heaven and earth; you open our eyes to see the wonders around us, and our hearts and mouths to praise you. Now give us strength for loving service, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Second Reading

*Hebrews 2:10-18*

Susan

The reading is written in the 2nd chapter of the book of Hebrews  
beginning at the 10th verse.

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.

**Reader:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**People:** Thanks be to God

*Please stand, as you are able*

**Gradual Hymn** O Love How Deep How Broad How High BCP 475

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

**People:** And also with you.

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

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

Gospel Reading *Matthew 2:13-23* The Rev. Liz Richens

The Holy Gospel is written in the 2nd chapter of the Gospel according to  
St. Matthew beginning at the 13th verse.

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.'

**Priest:** The Gospel of Christ

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

## Sermon

The Rev. Liz Richens

### The Apostles' Creed

Priest: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### The Prayers of the People *Please assume a posture of prayer*

Doreen

*(The names on the parish prayer list will be prayed for individually by our Intercessors)*

### Prayer of Humble Access

Doreen

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table, but you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.

### Confession and Absolution

The Rev. Liz Richens

Priest: All who strive to repent of their sins and be good relationship with their neighbours and intend to follow the commandments of God and walk in his ways, come forward and receive the Holy Eucharist to your comfort, and make your honest confession to God Almighty.

All: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Creator and mediator, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against God and neighbour, by thought, word and deed.

We whole heartedly repent and are sorry for our sins. Have mercy upon us, loving Father; forgive us all that is past and help us going forward to live life anew to the honour and glory of your name, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all who wholeheartedly repent and turn their lives to him. Have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins. Comfort and strengthen you in all goodness and bring you to everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Please stand, as you are able*

### **The Peace**

**Priest:** The peace of the Lord be always with you

**People:** And also with you

### **Offering Hymn**

We Hail Thee Now O Jesus

CP 80

### **Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

### **The Comfortable Words**

Doreen

*Hear the comforting words our Saviour Christ says to all who truly turn to him.*

Come to me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. St Matthew 11. 28.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that all who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. St John 3. 16.

*Hear also what Saint Paul said.* This is a true saying, and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1. 15.

*Hear also what Saint John said.* If anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 1 St John 2. 1, 2

### **The Prayer over the Gifts**

The Rev. Liz Richens

God of light, in the birth of your Son we see your glory. May we who share in this mystery grow daily in your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

## Thanksgiving and Consecration

### Christmas *Simple Tone*

1  
The Lord be with you. And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

2  
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Bless-ed are you, gracious God, creator of heav-en and earth; we give you  
thanks and praise through Je - sus Christ our Lord, who in the mystery of his  
incarnation was made per-fect man of the flesh of the Virgin Mar-y his  
moth-er; in him we have seen a new and ra-diant vi-sion of your glo-ry.  
There-fore with all the an-gels of heav-en, we lift our voices and sing our  
joy-ful hymn of praise to pro-claim the glo-ry of your name.

**People:** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might,  
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory  
Hosanna in the highest  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Priest: All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who,  
in your tender mercy, gave your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption  
who made there by his presentation of himself, once offered  
a full, perfect and sufficient sacrificial offering for the sins  
of the whole world.

Christ instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue,  
a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful father, we humbly pray  
and grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine  
according to your son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution  
in remembrance of his death and passion,  
may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood,  
who in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread;  
gave you thanks, brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
take, eat; this is my body which is given for you:  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup;  
gave you thanks then, he gave it to them, saying,  
take, drink, this is my Blood of the new Covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins:  
do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, in remembrance of the precious death, the  
mighty resurrection and glorious ascension of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and looking  
forward to his return; we offer to you this bread and this wine as Christ has  
commanded.

Grant that by his life and death, and through faith in Christ  
we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins  
and all other benefits that Christ offers.

We pray, by the Holy Spirit  
you may fill all of us who share in this holy communion  
with your grace and heavenly blessing  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
by whom and with whom and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
all honour and glory be your almighty father forever and ever. **Amen.**



### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Priest:** And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, let us pray,

**People:** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. 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, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. **Amen.**

### **The Breaking of Bread**

**Priest:** We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**People:** God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

**Priest:** The Gifts of God for the people of God

**People:** Thanks be to God

### **Agnus Dei** *sung by all*

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

*Please be seated*

### **Communion Hymns**

I am the Bread

CP 56

Jesus Calls Here to Meet Him

CP 58

### **Prayer after Communion**

The Rev. Liz Richens

**Priest:** Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**All:** Today we offer to you, O Lord our whole selves, soul and body to be a living sacrifice to you. We pray that you accept our imperfect service, not because of what we offer, but because of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom; with you and the Holy Spirit, we praise and glorify, forever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Doxology**

Glory to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we could ask or imagine. Glory to God, from generation to generation, in the church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Blessing**

The peace of God, that passes all understanding; keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

### **Recessional Hymn**

Let All Things Living

CP 403

Lay Reader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

Doreen

**All:**                      **Thanks be to God**  
**Postlude**                      *Improvisation Hymn Tune*

Heavenly Creator, we give you thanks for blessing us with these your servants  
and celebrates Joanna H.

**Participants in today's service are:**

Lay Reader: Doreen  
Lectern Reader: Delores, Susan  
Greeters: Zorina, Anita, Terry  
Altar Guild: Fern, Audrey, Isla

**Participants next week are:**

Lay Reader: Noreen  
Lectern Readers: Marguerite, Scott  
Greeters: Grace, Bob  
Altar Guild: Angeline, Nina, Laura, Sue

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

**In the Anglican Communion worldwide:** We pray for The Anglican Church of Canada.

**In the Anglican Church of Canada, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada:** 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, Trina Gallop Blank, Assistant to the National Bishop, Communications and Resource Generation, and the staff of Communications, and Mike Riess, Executive Director, and staff of Interprovincial Board of Communications for the Moravian Church.

**In the Diocese of Rupert's Land:** We pray for Our Congregations and Communities.

**In our Parish of St. Andrew:** we pray for Rev. Liz, Andy and Sydney and for all the families of St. Andrew.

**Notices –December 28, 2025**

**Connecting with Rev. Liz Richens:** The Rev. Richens can be reached by phone at 204-897-8455 or through email at [revliz.standrews@outlook.com](mailto:revliz.standrews@outlook.com). Rev. Liz is also available on Mondays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., all are welcome to drop by for a visit.

Rev Liz will be away from Jan 2-Jan 11 for pastoral emergencies please contact the office or the pastoral care line at **INSERT MY OFFICE NUMBER HERE**

**Commented [RR1]:** We should add here about my being on vacation

**Prayer List:** A reminder that everyone is welcome to use the prayer box at the back of the aisle. There are papers and pens available. Anyone who wishes prayers for themselves or others, please include your contact information so we can check in with you before the list is updated. The prayer list will be updated at the start of each month beginning in November. Please feel free to submit prayers for as many people each month as you feel called for. For more information, contact Rev. Liz

**Bible Study:** Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**Over 60 Card Club:** The card club will resume Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**Altar Flowers:** If you would like to donate Altar flowers to honour/remember a loved one, please put your name and telephone number in the Flower Calendar at the back of the Church. You can also contact Margaret Childs at 204 889-4676 or e-mail Margaret at childsjm@mymts.net.

**Weekly Sermons:** If you would like to download a copy of the weekly sermon please visit our website at www.standrewswoodhaven.ca. Stay connected by checking out our Website, like our Facebook and subscribe to our YouTube channel (Instructions attached to this week's email)  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyD1RtRoVsH4yocieU3LnQg> for notification and new information.

#### Parish Prayers

We commend to thy fatherly goodness, all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed

Bailey	Will	Maria	Debbie	Cody
Barrie	Lainey	Cheryle	Al	Jamie
Dorian	Melanie	Patricia	Pat	Marvin
Auntie Myrna	Bill	Bonnie	Susan	Elaine
June	Doug	Jenny	Bob	Dave
Allan	Irene	Kaden	George	Don
Tom	Larry	Irene	Ron	Pat Z
Gil	Mike	Lucas	Linda	M
Matthew	Eileen	Gloria	Carrie	Mandie
Stewart	Winnie	Erin	Gloria	Bob & Jo
Skyler	John	Ann	Chase	Marie
Gail	Dawson	Linda	Reza	Margaret
Nicole	Jennifer	Amari	Gary	Darrell
Aaron	Randy	Kay	Bill	Don
Neil	Mary	Yvonne	Yvette	Susan
Mervin	Tyler	David	Brian	Joan
Henry	John	Lorie	Debbie	Murry
Jess	John	Corey	Marlene	Al
Allan	Ruth	Lindsey	Sara	Ethel
Lin	Mary Louise	Jennifer	Ann K	Maureen
Chetna J	Julio	Bruce	Jennifer	Angelica
Lynne	Jim	Lis	Alice	Jane
Bob	Val	Tanis	Sadie	Tyler
Sam & Liam	Cheryl	Jack	Cassie	Marilyn
Ashley	Eleanor	Pam		

Hollow Water First Nations & Manigotagan  
The Terry, Jeremy, Chrystal family

Remu Parish

the Read family    Willow & family    Oliver family    Wallace & family  
the Shelley, Meaghan, Sage Family    The Meagan, Oz, Mael Family  
and all those at home, in care facilities and those joining us online.