

# St. Thomas Anglican Church

*Sets its heart toward being a Christian home that welcomes, encourages, and seeks to inspire all people.*

**Wednesday, December 24, 2024 – 4:30 pm**

*She gave birth  
to her firstborn, a son.  
She wrapped him in cloths placed him in a manger.*

*Luke 2:7*

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1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Service Times:

Weekday Service:  
Sunday Service:  
God's Garden:

Morning Prayer – Wed @ 10:00 AM  
Holy Eucharist – Sundays @ 9:30 AM  
Sundays @ 9:30 AM (Ages 4-12)

## *Christmas Eve — Family Service*

*I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you  
is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord.*

*~Luke 2:10-11~*

Prelude: ***In the Bleak Mid- Winter***

Processional Hymn: **O Come all ye Faithful (vs. 1-4)**

*Children's talk: Lighting of the Christ Candle*

**Longing for Light (vs 5 and Chorus)**

Special reading of the Christmas Story

*Merilee Clarke*

*\*Children are invited to come to the front of the church to listen\**

Soloist: **The Prayer**

*Sophia Pierce*

The Gathering of the Community

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**The Grace (May the Grace)**

**Almighty God**

**Gloria**

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*Collect of the Day*

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The Proclamation of the Word:

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**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** *Isaiah 9:2-7*

Gradual Hymn: **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

**Holy Gospel:** *Luke 2:1-20*

Homily:

*The Venerable Rob Davis*

Apostle's Creed:

Prayers of the People #13 – Incarnation

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Prayers for the Parish: This week we pray for **our parish family and all those who are present here, today. For our friends, family, and neighbours, that we would all have ears to hear, eyes to see, and hearts to receive the Good News of Jesus Christ.**

For those needing healing: **Ashlee, Fred, Immo, Joan, John, Ken, Lorna, Ryan, and all those whose names are written in our book of prayer....**

Confession and Absolution: Pg. 191

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Celebration of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts Pg. 192

Offertory Hymn: **Angels we Have Heard on High**

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**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord**

**The Lord's Prayer** Pg. 211

Breaking of the Bread #6 – Incarnation Pg. 213

**Agnes Dei—Lamb of God**

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Communion Hymn: Please join the choir in signing our communion hymns

**Away in a Manger**

**Once in Royal David's City — Solo vs 1**

**Silent Night**

**O Little Town of Bethlehem**

**See Amid the Winter's Snow**

**While Shepherd's Watched**

Celebrant: Glory to God, Pg. 214

**All: Whose power, working in us, ...**

The Blessing

Recessional: **Joy to the World**

*Children are invited to join in using one of our instruments*

Benediction: **God Bless & Keep You**

Postlude

**Thank you to our Altar Guild for your quiet and thoughtful ministry in preparing this sacred space for our worship.**

*Merry Christmas to you and your family!*

*May His hope, peace, joy and love fill your hearts with his light and strengthen.*

Thank you to those assisting with today's service:

Reader: **Merilee Clark**  
Sides Person: **Susan Boutilier**  
**Jane Walsh**  
**Mary Attwell**  
Children's Reader: **Merilee Clarke**  
Lay Assistant: **Pat McNally**  
Projection: **Moiria Reade**

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