

*We welcome everyone who is worshipping with us today.  
Please participate as much as you are comfortable.*

*We gather as the people of God to be blessed in our time together as  
community and engaged with the sacred presence of God.*

*Everyone is welcome at St. Paul's; the youngest to the oldest;  
wherever you may be from around the world; regardless of your  
sexuality; single, married, divorced or separated; no matter what  
your financial situation; whether you are starting out or retired.*

*There is a place for everyone here at St. Paul's!! Welcome!!*

*Following the service, we invite you for coffee and conversation  
in the Lower Hall. We'd like to introduce ourselves to you.*

*The church is equipped with a hearing assistance system.  
Please ask for a receiver.*

*There are also large print prayer books available.*

## **10:30 a.m. – Jazzy Christmas Celebration**

### **The Gathering of the Community**

#### **Instrumental Prelude**

#### **Choir Introit - "Gloria in Excelsis Deo"**

**Opening Sentence** *"I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me  
according to his word." (Luke 1:38)*

#### **Processional Hymn # 362 "Tell Out, My Soul"**

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;

**Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

Will you not give us life again,

**That your people may rejoice in you?**

Show us your mercy, O Lord,

**And grant us your salvation.**

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!  
**Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

### **Candle Lighting Liturgy**

**Reader:** A reading from the Gospel of St. Luke

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the mighty one has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his his descendants forever."

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

### **Reflection - The Reverend Canon Mark Kinghan**

One cannot escape the prophetic vision in the season of Advent. We see it in the selections from the Old Testament, and we encounter it in Mary's Song of Rejoicing. In this birth, God is intent on changing the priorities of the world; God looks with favor upon the lowly; God scatters the proud in the imaginations of their hearts; God brings the powerful down from their thrones; God sends the rich away empty.

Where do our lives encounter this prophetic vision? Are we lowly servants upon whom God looks with favor? Does our pride sometimes interfere with what God seeks to accomplish through us? Do we sometimes let our need for power and control interfere with God's work? Are we sometimes rich in things and poor in soul? As the time of the Lord's coming draws near, let us test and examine our ways and return to the Lord, so that Love may have a place to dwell.

**Reader:** The Mighty One has done great things! Holy is God's Name! The Light of the World is coming.

**All: With Mary, our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.**

*The first three candles are lit*

**Reader:** God's mercy endures from generation to generation for those who are in awe of God.

**All: The proud, the rich, the mighty no longer have power over us.**

**Reader:** The lowly are lifted up, and the hungry are satisfied.

**All: We see the light of God shining over the land.**

**Reader:** We light a fourth candle in anticipation of the wondrous birth.

*The fourth candle is lit.*

**All: We will open our hearts that Love may have a place to dwell.**

### Collect Prayers

**Hymn # 269** "Heavenly Message"

**Poem** - "Nazareth Girl"

**Choir** - "Mary Did You Know?"

**Carol # 148** "See Amid the Winter's Snow"

**Poem** - "The Coming of God"

**Poem** - "In Search of our Kneeling Places"

**Men** - "Do You Know the Way to Bethlehem?"

**Poem** - "Angel-filled Advent"

**Treble Choir** - "Midnight Clear"

**Poem** - "The World Still Knows"

**Solo** - "Were You There on that Christmas Night?"

**Men** - "A La Nanina Nana"

**Offertory Hymn # 120**

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

### Prayer over the Gifts

**Poem** - "O Lord, You Were Born!"

### Christmas Glee

❖ "Angels We Have Heard"

❖ **Poem** - "Sitting on the Hillsides"

❖ "Away In a Manger"

❖ **Poem** - "The Child is Born Again"

❖ "God Rest You Merry"

❖ **Poem** - "Into This Silent Night"

❖ "Silent Night"

❖ **Poem** - "Not Celebrate?"

❖ "Unto Us"

❖ **Poem** - "Gifts From God"

❖ **Poem** - "What do I want for Christmas?"

### Pastoral Prayer

### Lord's Prayer

### The Blessing

### Announcements and Celebrations

**Recessional Hymn # 123**

"Once in Royal David's City"

### Dismissal

"Go in peace ..."

**"Thanks be to God"**

### Postlude

*Poems by Ann Weems from her book "Kneeling In Bethlehem"*



*There may be photographs taken during the service that are posted on our website and other social media. If you do not wish your photograph used please let us know.*

# *St. Paul's Anglican Church* *Uxbridge, Ontario*



*Our Parish Mission Statement:*

*We strive to be a caring Christian community.  
We seek to worship, know and serve God,  
loving and supporting others on their journey of faith.*

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