

Words of Welcome and Instruction

For those who are at St. Paul's for the first time or who are visiting, it's good to have you with us! Welcome!

- ❖ We invite you to participate in as much of the worship as you wish and are able.
- ❖ During the times of prayer throughout the service, we encourage you to kneel, stand or sit, whichever is most comfortable and meaningful for you.
- ❖ If you wish to receive communion, please come forward to the Altar. It is God's invitation to the table, if you feel so moved you are invited and welcomed.
- ❖ If you do not wish to receive communion, we invite you to come to the Altar for a blessing, and to indicate so by crossing your arms over your chest.
- ❖ If you do not wish to drink the wine from the chalice, please feel comfortable to receive only the bread. Please do not dip the wafer in the chalice as studies have shown that this practice presents a health risk.
- ❖ Personal hearing systems are available—please speak with the sidespeople if this would enhance your experience of worship at Paul's.

May your presence in our midst be a blessing to us, even as we hope our time together is a blessing to you.

The Gathering of the Community

10:30 pm Carol Singing

Choir Procession *"Of Eternal Love's Begotten"*

Prayer

Hymn 143 vv 1, 2 & 5 *"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"*

Hymn 141 vv 1,2 & 5 *"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"*

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

Dave Rehill - Soloist

Hymn 135 vv 1, 2 & 4 *"Shepherds in the Field Abiding"*

Hymn 139 vv 1, 2 & 6 *"The First Noël"*

Duet: *"Lullay my Liking"* - Gustav Holst

Delfina Ostino and Mairead Traxler

Hymn 136 *"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"*

Hymn 148 vv 1, 2 & 5 *"See Amid the Winter's Snow"*

11:00 pm Almost Midnight Mass

Christmas Cantic

Organ Fanfare

Processional Hymn 118 *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Unto us a child is born.

Unto us a child is given.

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God

Prince of Peace.

Collect of the Day

God of promise, from ancient times you have sustained your people. With Mary and Joseph, teach us to treasure in our hearts the birth of Jesus, and with shepherds and angels, lead us to praise the holy Child of Bethlehem in whose name we pray. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 9: 2-7

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 96

Refrain:

Second Reading: Titus 2: 11-14

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn #125 *"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"*

The Lord be with you **And also with you.**
Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon The Reverend Canon Mark Kinghan
A time for silent reflection is kept.

"The Innkeeper's Song of Praise" (tune In Dulci Jubilo)

words written by The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan, Dec 2018

The journey it was long for them
To Bethlehem they made their way
Mary was exhausted
And Joseph knocked without delay
But to no avail
No room in their travail.

The innkeeper, he was forlorn
There truly was no room for them
For this baby to be born
In all the town of Bethlehem
He desired to serve them
Before the coming morn.

His heart was touched with such delight
As God did bless him in that night
In his stable lowly
The son of God most holy
Cradled in the manger
His spirit God did stir

From that day on he knew the gift
Priorities had gone adrift
God did come to change his life
Amidst the darkness of his strife
Hallelujah! Praise to God!
Yes, praise be to God!!

Luke 2:1-20

Choir Anthem: *"Mary Did You Know?"*

The Prayers of the People

Jesus Christ, born in a stable, be with the poor and homeless this Christmas time.

Shine your everlasting light upon them.

Jesus Christ, born of Mary, be with young mothers across the world this Christmas time.

Shine your everlasting light upon them.

Jesus Christ, visited by Shepherds, be with all who have to work this Christmas, and those who long to work.

Shine your everlasting light upon them.

Jesus Christ, who became a refugee, be with those who fear for their lives, and those who have left homes and families this Christmas.

Shine your everlasting light upon them.

Jesus Christ, who healed the sick and those troubles in body, mind or spirit, be with those in need of your healing touch today.

Shine your everlasting light upon them.

Jesus Christ, you challenged the political leaders of your day, continue that in our time too where the privilege power is so often abused.

Shine your everlasting light upon them.

Jesus Christ, you call us to be your church, inspire us to accept your invitation to live our faith intentionally and authentically not just tonight, but every day of our lives.

Shine your everlasting light upon us. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us to the table. Let us confess our sins, trusting in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn #120 *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*

The Prayer over the Gifts

Source of light and gladness; accept all we offer on this joyful feast. May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours; for he is Lord now and forever. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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

Worship and praise belong to you, Holy God, our Source and Ending, Alpha and Omega, You have called all creation into being, setting the earth on its foundations. You have spread out the heavens like a curtain, filling the earth with goodness. As a mother gathers her children, so you gather your people, to teach us the way of compassion and love. You sent Christ your son to dwell among us, by the message of an angel, to be born of the Virgin Mary. You send your Holy Spirit to draw us into deeper faith, to inspire us to greater works, and to sustain us in our calling. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim your glory, sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might.
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

In these latter days, God leaned toward the earth and spoke to us by a Son, Jesus the Beloved. Born of our Mary and the Holy Spirit, guarded by our Joseph with fatherly care, Jesus came among us as a helpless babe, cradled beside the beasts and warmed by their breath - human, as we are, in need of human love. Kings bowed down before him, bringing gifts and emperors were troubled by his reign – this Child in whom all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell. This Word of God was made flesh and dwelt among us, And his flesh and blood were given to us, in his final gift of grace. As a servant, Jesus emptied himself of might upon the cross, and as the risen Anointed One is enthroned at God's right hand to bring mercy and justice to all the earth at the end of days.

At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.'

After supper, he took the cup, offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: 'Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me.'

We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful God and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, that we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body, to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage, in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread #6

We break the bread of life, that life is the light of the world. **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

The gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion

During Communion

Solo: *"Comfort Ye/Every Valley" (Messiah) - by G.F. Handel*
Soloist - Iris Krizmanic

Hymn #137 *"What Child is This"*

Prayer after Communion

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation,
and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your
Word take flesh in us, so that we may be your holy people,
revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our
Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

Doxology

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

Blessing

Do not be afraid. Go into the world with courage; share the
good news; proclaim tidings of great joy! A savior has been
born. And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be upon you, those you love and all whom you serve this
joyous Christmas night and always **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn #138 *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

Hymn by candlelight *"Silent Night"*

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth

Dismissal

Go now in wonder. Go to bring light to those in darkness,
joy to those who can find no joy, magic to a world steeped
in realism. Go with the songs of angels in your ears, and the
love of God in your hearts. Go and spread the word—
the babe of Bethlehem is born for all.

Thanks be to God.

Every family is invited to take home one Christmas ornament from the tree at the back, made by our Sunday School.

Thank you to ... Dora for her ministry of music especially during this Christmas season
the church ... the altar guild for their decorating of for Christmas
preparing all the ... Evelyn for her extra work in service leaflets for our Christmas services

TODAY AT 12:00 p.m. the Community Christmas Dinner will be served at the Uxbridge Seniors' Centre on Marietta Street.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 30, 2018

The First Sunday after Christmas

9:30 am – Communion with singing of favorite Christmas Carols and prayers to mark the end of 2018 and the beginning of 2019

Financial Update of Offerings to December 16, 2018

Budgeted Offerings	\$ 95,600.00
Actual Offering	\$ 84,552.65