



**Sunday December 29, 2024  
First Sunday after Christmas  
St. Paul's Anglican Church, Uxbridge**



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### **Land Acknowledgement**

It is a great privilege to gather, share stories of faith and worship God on this beautiful territory, which we now know as Township of Uxbridge but which has been the site of human activity – and therefore storytelling and worship – for many thousands of years. We wish to honour the ancestral guardians of this land and its waterways: the Huron-Wendat, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Mississauga and Chippewa (Anishinaabe) people. The treaties that were signed for this particular parcel of land are collectively referred to as the Williams Treaties of 1923. Today many Indigenous peoples, including the Metis Nation continue to call this land home and act as its stewards, and this responsibility extends to all peoples, to share and care for this land for generations to come.

### **Today's Mass Setting: Proulx**

**Prelude**

*Gabriel's Oboe*

Ennio Morrecone

### **THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Processional Hymn**

*O Praise Ye the Lord*

**CP 330**

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.**

### **Collect for Purity**

**Almighty God, 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 Gloria**      *Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are  
seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer, receive,  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you  
alone are the Most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the  
Glory of God the Father.  
Amen. Amen.*

**Kyrie Eleison**      *Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.*

### **Collect of the Day**

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.  
**Amen.**

### **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**First Reading:**      **1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26**

**Reader:** A Reading from the First Book of Samuel

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord"; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people. *(1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26)*

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

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

### **Psalm 148 – said responsively by verse**

**Reader:** Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

**People:** **Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host.**

**Reader:** Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

**People:** Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

**Reader:** Let them praise the name of the Lord; for he commanded, and they were created.

**People:** He made them stand fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

**Reader:** Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps;

**People:** Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will;

**Reader:** Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

**People:** Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;

**Reader:** Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

**People:** Young men and maidens, old and young together.

**Reader:** Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name only is exalted, his splendour is over earth and heaven.

**People:** 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.

### **Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-17**

**Reader:** A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

*(Colossians 3:12-17)*

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual**

*The People That in Darkness Sat*

**CP 156**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 2:41-52**

**Reader:** The Lord be with you

**People:** And also with you

**Reader:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

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

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour. *(Luke 2:41-52)*

**Reader:** The Gospel of Christ

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

## **Homily**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

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

**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.**

## **Prayers of the People**

### **Confession and Absolution**

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident 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**

May the peace of the risen Christ be with you!      **And also with you!**

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Offertory Hymn**

*Of Eternal Love Begotten*

**CP 132**

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

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. **Amen.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer 3**

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.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the mystery of his incarnation was made perfect man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; in him we have seen a new and radiant vision of your glory. Therefore with all the angels of heaven, we lift our voices and sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Sanctus      *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest, hosanna in the highest.***

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days, you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command, **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory**

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all, presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

As Jesus taught us, we pray together

**Our Father, who art in heaven ...**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

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

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

**Celebrant:** The gifts of God for the people of God.

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

**Agnus Dei** *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.*

### **Communion**

**During Communion**

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

**CP 117**

**Prayer after Communion**

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. **Amen.**

### **The 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.**

### **The Blessing**

### **Announcements**

### **Recessional Hymn**

*Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him*

**CP 420**

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**(to be sung by all)**

*Go Now in Peace*

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**Go now in peace ... never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there, watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.  
Amen.**

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### **Postlude**

*Ein Feste Burg*

Johann Pachelbel

*If you have another commitment today,  
and need to depart the church during the postlude, feel free to do so quietly.*

**Stewardship Gospel Tidbit: (Luke 2:41-52)** Imagine the horror and panic in Mary and Joseph as they search for their lost child! As his primary care givers, they are extremely concerned for his well-being. As God's stewards, as God's care givers for all entrusted to us, how do we express our concern?

## **This Week at St. Paul's**

### **Sunday, January 5, 2025 – The Epiphany of the Lord**

- 10:30 am – Eucharist

### **Readings for Next Sunday**

- Isaiah 60:1-6
- Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
- Ephesians 3:1-12
- Matthew 2:1-12

**ON NEW YEAR'S DAY, there will be no mid-week Eucharist and Bible Study. The mid-week service will resume on January 8, 2025.**