



Wednesday, December 24, 2025
Christmas Eve – 10:30 pm
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.

Prelude

The Nativity: the Holy Family; the Angels; the Shepherds; gathered with the Holy Family Langlais

The Gathering of the Community

(Please Stand)

Procession Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful (v.1-4)

CP 118

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Celebrant: The word was made flesh and dwelt among us:

People: And we beheld his glory.

Hymn

Christ, Be Our Light!

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

Chorus: Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light!
Shine in your Church gathered today.

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The Gathering of the Community

(Please stand)

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Kyrie Eleison *Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)*
Christe eleison (Christ, have mercy)
Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)

Gloria:

CP 702

*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.
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.*

The Collect of the Day

Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

(Please be seated)

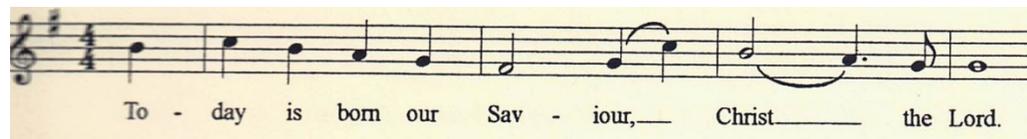
First Reading – Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96



Second Reading – Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds. Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

Gradual Hymn

Away in a Manger

CP 126

The Holy Gospel – Luke 2:1-14

(Please remain standing)

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.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!’

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily The Revd Johanna Pak *(Please be seated)*
"Moment for Reflection on the Word"

(Please stand)

The Nicene Creed

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Let us confess our faith, as we say,

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all this is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People *(Please sit or kneel)*

Confession and Absolution *(Please sit or kneel)*

The Peace *(Please stand)*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

CP 138

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 for ever. **Amen.**

The Service continues with 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

CP 722

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, 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 (*Please sit or kneel*)

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

CP # 685

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace*

Holy Communion

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. You may receive standing or kneeling at the altar rail. If you wish to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms across your chest. Silence is kept following Communion for a brief period.

Communion Hymns	The First Nowell	CP 139
	Silent Night	CP 119
Anthem	Noel We Sing	Daquin

Prayer after Communion *(Please sit or kneel)*

Father of all, tonight you have united earth and heaven in sending your Son to take our human nature. May we who have tasted heavenly things share in the life of his eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing of the Creche

Celebrant: The glory of the Lord hath been revealed. Alleluia.
Let us pray.

God our Father, who on this night didst give thy Son Jesus Christ to be born of the Virgin Mary, for us and for our salvation: Bless this crib, which we have prepared to celebrate that holy birth; and grant that all who see it may be strengthened in faith, and receive the fullness of life which he came to bring; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn	Joy to the World	CP 154
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The Christmas Blessing

Celebrant: May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your hearts with the light of his holiness.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad tidings of the Saviour's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the gospel.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: May God, who in the Word made flesh hath joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favour.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. All: Amen. Celebrant: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

The Shepherds Rejoice

Messiaen

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS

*In loving memory of **Babs & Bud Fitzgerald** by John, Bob & Jan Fitzgerald*

*In loving memory of **Babs Fitzgerald** by Dorothy Haines*

*In loving memory of **John & Marilyn Woods & David Lumley** by The Lumley Family*

*In loving memory of **My Father & Grandparents** by Kathleen Carroll*

*In loving memory of **Ted Durnford & family** by Norma Durnford*

*In loving memory of **Hank Verwoerd & The Towner Family** by Gail Verwoerd*

*In loving memory of **Robert Pogue & other loved ones** by Evelyn & Susan Pogue*

*In memory of **loved ones** by Beth Crook*

*In memory of **loved ones** by Shelagh Carroll & Brian Logan*

*In memory of **loved ones** by Joy & Derek Freemantle*