



Wednesday, December 24, 2025
Christmas Eve – 4:30 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.

ABCs of Christmas

Welcome and Gathering Prayer

Opening Hymn - Shepherds in the Field Abiding

Shepherds in the field abiding,
tell us, when the seraph bright
greeted you with wondrous tiding
what you saw and heard that
night. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

We beheld it (it is no fable),
God incarnate, King of bliss,
swathed and cradled in a stable,
and the angel strain was this:
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Choristers on high were singing
Jesus and his Virgin birth,

heavenly bells the while a-ringing,
"Peace, good will to all on earth."
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Thanks, good shepherds, true your story,
let us go to Bethlehem.
Angels hymn the King of glory;
carol we with you and them.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Opening prayer:

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 ABC's of Christmas

During the ABC's you will be asked to participate in different ways, depending on the role you were assigned when you arrived.

*Pay close attention! Every time Rev. Johanna says the word "**Shepherds**," the Shepherds are supposed to hold up their poster and say "**Let's go see!**" Every time she says the word "**Wise Ones**," the Wise Ones hold their poster and say "**Look, a star!**" When she says the word "**Angel**," the angels sing, "**Hallelujah!**"*

Letters A-E

Song: O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary;
and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King
and Peace to all the earth

Letters F and G

Song - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark the herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled"
Joyful, all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With the angelic host proclaim:
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

Letters H-J

Song - Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord has come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
and Heaven and nature sing,
and Heaven and nature sing,
and Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness
and wonders of His love,
and wonders of His love,
and wonders, wonders, of His love.

Letters K-M

Song: Away in the Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from on high
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Letters N and O

Offertory Hymn - O Come All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!

Refrain:

O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! [Refrain]

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! [Refrain]

Letters P-U

Eucharistic Prayer

Eucharistic Prayer 6 (Church of Wales BCP)

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.

Thank you, Father,
for making us and our wonderful world.
Wherever we are in your world,
we should always thank you,
through Jesus, your Son.

Jesus lived as one of us;
Jesus died on the cross for us;
Jesus is alive because you gave him life again;
Jesus is with us now.
So, with the angels and everyone in heaven,
we say together:

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

**Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Great and wonderful Father,
we remember when Jesus had supper with his friends the night before he died,
he took the bread;
he thanked you, broke it, gave it to his friends and said:
Take this and eat it –
 this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.
After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine;
he thanked you, gave it to his friends and said:
All of you drink from this cup,
because this is my blood –
 the new promise of God's love.
Do this every time you drink it to remember me.

Together we remember that Jesus is always
with us and *say / sing*:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come in glory.**

So loving Father,
remembering how dearly Jesus loves us,
we should love him too.

Send your Holy Spirit, gentle as a dove,
on us and on these gifts,
so that, with everyone who eats and drinks
this bread and wine,
the body and blood of Jesus,
we may be full of your life and goodness.
Help us all to walk hand in hand with Jesus
and live our lives for him.

All honour and glory belong to you, Father,
through Jesus, your Son,
with the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Communion

Letters V-Z

Glow sticks are distributed.

Song - 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;
Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
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Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth;
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Blessing and dismissal.

May God, who by the birth of Jesus brought together earth and heaven, fill you with the gift of his peace and love. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Go forth in the peace of the Christ Child. **Amen.**

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*