



THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2020 AT 10:30 A.M.

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Welcome: *Susan Haig*

Prelude: “Christmas Time is Here”

✠ **The Gathering of the Community**

The Greeting: *Susan Haig*

Priest: 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.**

Priest: In David's town
Of David's line

All: **Jesus our Saviour**

Priest: God clothed in flesh
Bone of our bone

All: **Jesus our Saviour**

Priest: Promised of old
Here in our midst

All: **Jesus our Saviour**

Glory to God (*Carol Setting*)



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est heav - en, Peace to you peo - ple
2. Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of God, You take a - way the
3. For You a - lone are the One most Ho - ly, You a - lone are the



here on earth. Al - might - y God, we wor - ship you, we
sin of the world; Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God, have
Lord most high Je - sus Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit



give you thanks and praise your birth.
mer - cy on us and re - ceive our prayer.
In the glo - ry of God. A - men.

Refrain



Glo - ri - a In ex - cel - sis De - o, De - o.

The Collect of the Day: *Susan Haig*

Priest: 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: *Jim Burnham*

Reader: A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Isaiah 61.10-62.3

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 148 (*George Black*)

Refrain



Hal-le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal-le-lujah!

Praise God from the heavens;

sing praise in the heights.

Sing praise, all angels,

sing praise, all you heavenly host. **Refrain**

Sing praise, sun and moon;

sing praise, all you shining stars.

Sing praise, heaven of heavens,

and you waters above the heavens. **Refrain**

Let them praise your name, O God;
for you commanded, and they were created.
You made them stand fast for ever and ever;
you gave them a law which shall not pass away. **Refrain**

O praise God from the earth,
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
Fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will; **Refrain**

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;
Rulers of the earth and all peoples, princes and all sovereigns of the world;
Young men and women, old and young together. **Refrain**

Let them praise your name, O God,
for your name only is exalted, your splendour is over earth and heaven.
You have raised up strength for your people and praise for all your loyal servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near you.
Hallelujah! **Refrain**

Second Reading: *Karen Visser*

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Galatians 4.4-7

A moment of silence is observed

Hymn: #140 (Common Praise) "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"



1.It came up - on the mid-night clear, that glo - rious song of
 2.Still through the clo - ven skies they come, with peace - ful wings un -
 3.Yet with the woes of sin and strife, the world has suf - fered
 4.And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing
 5.For, lo, the days are has - tening on, by proph - ets seen of



old, from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of
 furled, and still their heaven - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry
 long; be - neath the an - gel strain have rolled two thou - sand years of
 low, who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and
 old, when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore -



gold: "Peace on the earth, to all good will from
 world; a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they
 wrong; and we a - mid our wars hear not the
 slow; look now, for glad and gold - en hours come
 told: when the new heaven and earth shall own the



heaven's most gra - cious king!" The world in sol - emn
 bend on hov - ering wing, and ev - er o'er its
 words of peace they bring; O lis - ten now, and
 swift - ly on the wing: O rest be - side the
 Prince of Peace their King, and the whole world send



still-ness lay, to hear the an - gels sing.
 Ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
 still your strife to hear the an - gels sing.
 wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing.
 back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Text: Edmund Hamilton Sears (1810-1876), alt. Music: Richard Storrs Willis (1819-1900).

The Gospel: *Steven Mackison*

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 2.22-40

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily: Steven Mackison

We pause for music and meditation.

Meditation: “Coventry Carol” *(Traditional)*

Lully Lulla, thou little tiny child,
By by lully lullay.

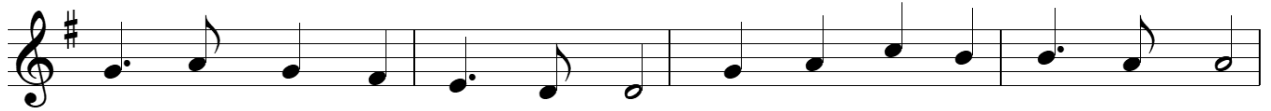
O sisters too how may we do,
For to preserve this day,
This poor youngling for whom we do sing,
by by lully lullay.

Herod the king in his raging,
Charged he hath this day,
His man of might in his own sight,
All young children to slay.

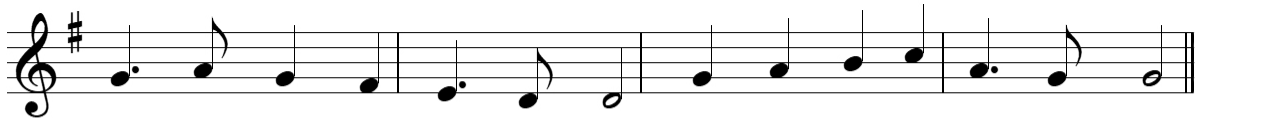
That woe is me poor child for thee,
And ever mourn and say,
for thy parting, neither say nor sing,
by by lully lullay.

Lully Lulla, thou little tiny child,
By by lully lullay.

Hymn: #148 (Common Praise) "See Amid the Winter's Snow"



1. See a - mid the win - ter's snow, born for us on earth be - low,
2. Lo, with - in a man - ger lies he who built the star - ry skies,
3. Say, ye ho - ly shep - herds, say what your joy - ful news to - day;
4. "As we watched at dead of night, lo, we saw a won - drous light;
5. Sa - cred in - fant, all di - vine, what a migh - ty love was thine,



see, the ten - der Lamb ap - pears, prom - ised from e - ter - nal years!
who en - throned in height sub - lime sits a - mid the cher - u - bim.
where - fore have ye left your sheep on the lone - ly moun - tain steep?
an - gels, sing - ing 'Peace on earth' told us of the Sav - iour's birth."
thus to come from high - est bliss down to such a world as this!

Refrain



Hail, thou ev - er bless - ed morn! Hail, re - demp - tion's hap - py dawn! Sing through all Je -



ru - sa - lem: Christ is born in Beth - le - hem.

Text: Edward Caswall (1814-1878), alt. Music: John Goss (1800-1880).

The Prayers of the People: *Tony Crosbie*

Leader: Lord, give us the eyes of faith
to see your presence in your church.
Where fear closes our eyes, help us.
Where tears blind us, heal us.
Where busyness keeps us from perceiving what matters, calm us.
Where pride gets in the way, set us free to see your love
at work in the church throughout the world.
May all who come to the temple, recognize your presence in us.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

Leader: Lord, open our eyes:

All: **That we may see your light.**

Leader: Lord, give insight to the nations of this world.

Bring the light of peace and justice
to those countries darkened by the shadows of war and oppression.
Open our minds to discern where we have trespassed upon your will for creation
and change our hearts that we would mend what we have broken.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

Leader: Lord, open our eyes:

All: **That we may see your light.**

Leader: Lord, we pray for those whose lives are overshadowed
by illness or injury, and all your children who cry out to you in need this day.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

Leader: May all who are in distress
be visited with the radiance of your presence,
that they may know healing and peace.

Leader: Lord, open our eyes:

All: **That we may see your light.**

Leader: Lord, we pray for those who have died,
who long to see you in the temple of the life to come.
We give thanks for their faithful witness
as we commend them to your loving care.
Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.
And let light perpetual shine upon them.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.
Bless and comfort their loved ones
and prepare us all to be reconciled with you.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

Leader: Lord, open our eyes:

All: **That we may see your light.**

Leader: Lord God, you are the source of everlasting light and life.
May we be as Simeon and Anna,
beholding the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ
and proclaiming him as a light to all peoples.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

Leader: Gracious God, accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer: *Susan Haig*

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

All: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Doxology: *Susan Haig*

Priest: Glory to God,

All: **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.**

Concluding Hymn: #359 (Gather) “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

Refrain



Go tell it on the moun-tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry-where; Go tell it on the



moun-tain That Je-sus Christ is born!



1. While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night, Be-
2. The shep-herds feared and trem-bled When lo! a - bove the earth Rang
3. Down in a low - ly man - ger The hum-ble Christ was born, And



hold through-out the heav-ens There shone a ho - ly light.
out the an-gel cho-rus That hailed our Sav-iour's birth.
God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

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Ministry Updates: *Susan Haig*

The Dismissal: *Steven Mackison*

Priest: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Ministry Updates

With Gratitude

At this time, more than any other, we contemplate giftedness and how God has given it expression in our lives through the incarnation: God's gift of God's self to us in the person of Jesus Christ. We invite you at this time to respond with gratitude to all that God has done in your life and to support the ministries that God has inspired in us through the gift of the Holy Spirit and that make us who we are.

We are grateful that despite this pandemic we have been able to gather for worship and faith formation and to support the Common Table. And, we have been able to sustain all this ministry through the generous donations from parishioners and friends of the community.

If you have given all you can - thank you. Your gifts have made a difference. If you have the capacity to make an additional gift or to give for the first time please consider one of these options:

- [online](#) through CanadaHelps.
- **e-transfer** – please contact the [Treasurer](#) on how to do this.
- **a cheque, dated in December 2020, mailed to the church and postmarked in 2020.** The church address is 162 Bloor Street West, Toronto, ON M5S 1M4.
- **hand-delivered envelopes** dropped through the mail slot in the door to the right of the main doors before midnight December 31, 2020 (if you can do this safely while following pandemic protocols).

Compline at 8 PM

Compline is a Christian tradition of bedtime prayers. These traditional prayers unveil God's grace in all of our endings - the day's end, the week's end, and our last nightfall.

Join in through Zoom at 8 PM each Sunday night for about 20 minutes. The link can be found in each Friday's eNews.

Daily Prayer – Wednesdays

Each Wednesday morning, an order of service for daily prayer are added to the parish website with a link shared on the Facebook page early in the morning.

This simple, printed worship service is an invitation to set aside time at some point in the day to read scripture and a reflection, and to offer prayers.

The link for this coming Wednesday, December 30 is [here](#).

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Each month a cycle of prayer is available [online](#). This resource provides the names of ministries from the Anglican Communion, the Indigenous cycle of prayer, the diocese and our community to hold in our prayers each day. In peace we pray. Lord, Hear our prayer.