



THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY: PROCESSION AND HOLY EUCHARIST
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021 AT 10:30 P.M.

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Carols

Song: “Away in a Manger” (*Traditional, arr. D. Willcocks*)

Song: “l’Enfance du Christ” (*H. Berlioz*)

Scene V: “The Stable at Bethlehem”

Sung in French

Mary: O dearest son, give me this tender grass
To the lambs that come to you bleating;
They are so gentle!
Let them take it,
Let them not pine, my child!

Mary & Joseph: Spread out these flowers on their straw.
Your gifts make them happy, dear child.

Joseph: Watch their joy,

Mary: Watch their gambols,

Mary & Joseph: Watch their mother gaze caressingly on you.

Mary: God bless you, my dear and tender child!

Joseph: God bless you, divine child!

Song: “O Magnum Mysterium” (*T. L. de Victoria*)

O magnum mysterium
et admirabile sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum
jacentem in praesepe.

O beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt
portare Dominum Jesum Christum.

Alleluia!

*O great mystery
and wonderful sacrament,
that animals should see the new-born Lord
lying in a manger!*

*O blessed is the Virgin, whose womb
was worthy to bear Christ the Lord.*

Alleluia!

Introit: “Gaudete!” *(Traditional)*

Please rise, as you are able

Gaudete! Gaudete!

Christus est natus ex Maria virgine.

Gaudete!

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Christ is born of the Virgin Mary.

Rejoice!

Tempus adest gratiae, hoc quod optabamus;
carmina laetitiae devote reddamus.

*At this time of grace and longed-for blessing,
Love faithfully offers a song of praise.*

Deus homo factus est, natura mirante;
mundus renovatus est a Christo regnante.

*God is made human in this wonderful birth:
The world is cleansed through the rule of Christ.*

Ezechiellis porta clausa pertransitur;
unde lux est orta, salus invenitur.

*The gate of heaven now opens which to us was closed,
Sending forth transforming light through which holiness is found.*

Ergo nostra contio psallat iam in lustro;
Benedicat Domino; salus regi nostro.

*Therefore we meet in pure songs of joy;
We bless the Lord, King of our Salvation.*

The Procession

Priest: Let us go forth in peace. Alleluia.

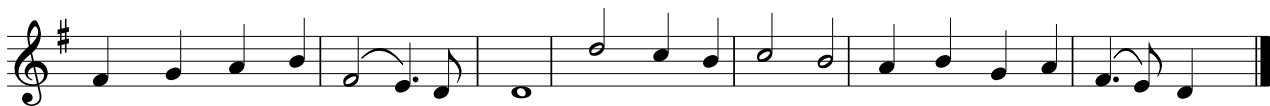
***People:* In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia**

Hymn: #118 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

v.1-4 sung before the station



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O come ye, O
2. God of God, Light of Light, lo, he ab-
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing, all ye
4. See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle, Leav - ing their
5. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je - sus, to

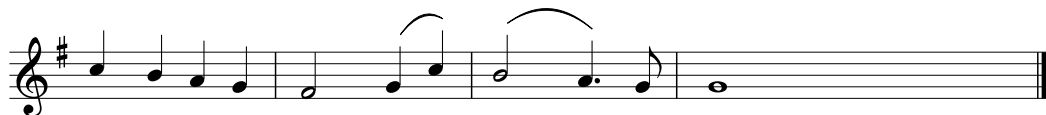


come ye, to Beth - le - hem. Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
- hors not the vir - gin's womb; ve - ry God, be - got - ten not cre - a - ted:
cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, in the - high - est;
flocks draw nigh with low - ly fear; We too will thi - ther bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
thee be glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing.

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O



come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

TEXT: St.1,2,4, John Francis Wade (1711-1786); st.3, Etienne-Jean-Francois Borderies, 1822. MUSIC: Adeste Fideles; Melody attrib. John Francis Wade (1711-1786).

Station at the Crèche

Priest: The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. Alleluia!

People: **And we beheld his glory. Alleluia!**

Priest: Most merciful and loving God,
you have made this night holy
by the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ,
and by the child-bearing of the Blessed Virgin Mary:
Grant that we your people
may enter with joy into the celebration of this day,
and may also rejoice for ever
as your adopted children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All sing verse 5 of "O Come, All Ye Faithful" at top of page

Priest: In this time and place we gather on the traditional lands of the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation!

People: **From many places and peoples we come to this house of prayer.**

Priest: In this time and place we await the coming of Emmanuel, God with us!

People: **Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

Priest: In this time and place we await the transformation of the world.

People: **Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

Priest: In this time and place we await the coming of the Commonwealth of peace.

People: **Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

Priest: In this time and place we commit ourselves to work with Christ that all these things may be accomplished.

People: **In the name of God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Priest: Eternal God
who made this most holy night
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:
bring us, who known the revelation of that light on earth,
to see the radiance of your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

✠ The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

Please be seated

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

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 onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Isaiah 9.2-7

People: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Hymn: #119 “Silent Night”

Please remain seated



1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, All is calm, all is bright
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake at the sight;
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light;



Round yon vir - gin mo - ther and Child. Ho - ly In - fant, so
glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav'n - ly ho - sts sing
ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face with the dawn of re -



ten - der and mild, Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Sa - vior is born, Christ the Sa - vior is born!
- de - em - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

TEXT: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848). MUSIC Stille Nacht; Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863).

The Second Reading

Please remain seated

Reader: A Reading from the Letter to Paul to Titus.

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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Titus 2.11-14

People: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #134 “While By the Sheep...”

Please rise, as you are able & sing

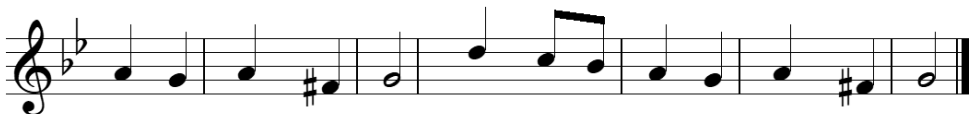


1. While by the sheep we watched at night, glad tid - ings brought an an - gel bright:
2. There shall be born, so he did say, in Beth - le - hem a child to - day.
3. There shall the child lie in a stall, this child who shall re - deem us all.
4. This gift of God we'll cher - ish well, that ev - ery joy our hearts shall fill.

Refrain



how great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the
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Lord in heaven on high! Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!
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TEXT: German carol (17th cent.); tr. Theodore Baker (1851-1934), alt. MUSIC: Melody German tradl; arr. Hugo Jüngst (1853-1923).

The Gospel

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Deacon: 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!"

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 2.1-14

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

Homily: Steven Mackison

Please be seated

A moment of silence is observed

The Nicene Creed

Please rise, as you are able

Priest: Let us confess our faith as we say,

All: **We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that 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

Cantor: In joy and humility let us pray to the creator of the universe, singing,



Lord, grant us peace.

Cantor: By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel, hear us, O...

All: **Lord, grant us peace.**

Cantor: By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O...

All: **Lord, grant us peace.**

Cantor: By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, hear us, O...

All: **Lord, grant us peace.**

Cantor: By the manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us, O...

All: **Lord, grant us peace.**

Cantor: By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, hear us, O...

All: **Lord, grant us peace.**

Cantor: By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O...

All: **Lord, grant us peace.**

Cantor: Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, hear us, O...

All: **Lord, grant us peace. Amen.**

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

If you would like to make a financial donation to the ministry of the Church of the Redeemer, please place your offering on the plate as you exit the building tonight.

Offertory Hymn: "Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth"

All sing



1. Come, thou Re-deem-er of the earth, And ma-ni-fest thy vir-gin
2. Be-got-ten of no hu-man will, But of the Spi-rit, thou art
3. Forth from his cham-ber go-eth he, That ro-yal home of pur-i-
4. From God the Fa-ther he pro-ceeds, To God the Fa-ther back he
5. Thy cra-dle here shall flit-ter bright, And dark-ness breathe a new-er
6. All laud, e-ter-nal Son, to three Whose ad-vent sets thy peo-ple



birth: Let ev-'ry age a-dor-ing fall; Such birth be-fits the
still The Word of God in flesh ar-rayed, The pro-mised fruit to
-ty, A giant in two-fold sub-stance one, Re-joi-cing now his
speeds; His course he runs to death and hell, Re-turn-ing on God's
light, Where end-less faith shall shine se-rene, And twi-light nev-er
free, Whom with the Fa-ther we a-dore, And ho-ly Ghost for



TEXT: St. Ambrose. MUSIC: Puer Nobis Nascitur.

God of all.
us dis-played.
course to run.
throne to dwell.
in-ter-vene.
ev-er-more.

✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: 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 Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.**

Priest: 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 (Carol Setting)

All sing



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Ho - ly God of Power and might Heaven and Earth and



full of your glo - ry, glo - ry to You O Lord most high Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Priest: 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 in 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 may
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."
Therefore, Father, according to his command.

People: **We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Priest: 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 children;
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 for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: Gathering all our praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us.

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

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

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

Priest: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Giving and Receiving of Communion

Priest: Dear friends,

I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be,
to receive Christ, in communion with the saints,
and the gathering of God's people,
unseen and yet present with us now.

*For those of us participating at home, it is a strange experience to be invited to Communion
– not through the physical bread and wine we can touch and taste –
but a Spiritual Communion with the God who comes to meet us wherever we are.*

*There are no special words or prayers for this, all the Church has ever thought necessary is genuine true
desire, lively faith, and genuine love. Come honestly before God the way you know how.*

You may wish to pray quietly this prayer to help you:

One: Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock.

You wait for me and only I can let you in.

I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence.

Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood,
that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.

Fraction Song: “Calmes des nuits” (*Camille Sainte-Saens*)

Sung by the Choir

Calme des nuits, fraîcheur des soirs, Vaste scintillement des mondes,

Grand silence des antres noirs Vous charmez les âmes profondes.

L'éclat du soleil, la gaieté, Le bruit plaisent aux plus futiles;

Le poète seul est hanté Par l'amour des choses tranquilles.

Stillness of the night, cool of the evening, Vast shimmering of the spheres,

Great silence of black vaults Deep thinkers delight in you.

The bright sun, merriment, And noise amuse the more frivolous;

Only the poet is possessed By the love of quiet things.

The Communion



*During communion, if you need a gluten-free wafer,
please let the communion minister know.
If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion,
please cross your arms as shown in the picture on the left.*

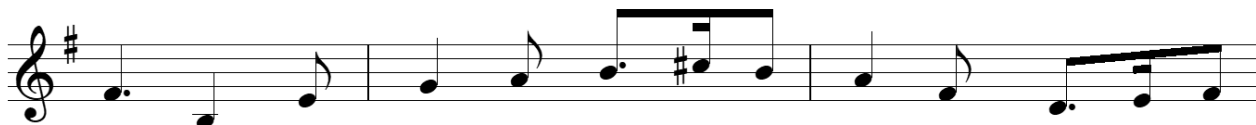
Communion Song: #137 “What Child Is This”

All sing

Verses



1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Ma-ry's lap is
2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are
3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come peas-ant king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian fear: for sin - ners here the
own him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let



shep- herds watch are keep - ing?
si - lent Word is plead - ing.
lov - ing hearts en-throne him.

Refrain



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma-ry.

TEXT: William Chatterton Dix
(1837-1898). MUSIC: Melody
English trad.; arr. Christmas Carols
New and Old, 1871, alt.

Motet: “Sure on This Shining Night” (*James Agee/Morten Lauridsen*)

Sure on this shining night
Of star made shadows round,
Kindness must watch for me
This side the ground.
The late year lies down the north.
All is healed, all is health.
High summer holds the earth.
Hearts all whole.
Sure on this shining night I weep for wonder wand'ring far alone
Of shadows on the stars.

Prayer After Communion

Please stand

Priest: 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.**

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.**

Announcements

Closing Hymn: #138 “Hark! The Herald...”

Please rise, as you are able & sing



1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glor - y to the new - born King;
2. Christ, by high - est heav’n a - dored; Christ the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3. Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners re - con - ciled!”
late in time, be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin’s womb.
Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail th’in - car - nate de - i - ty,
Mild he lays his glor - y by, born that we no more may die,



with th’an - gel - ic host pro - claim, “Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!”
pleased as one of us to dwell, Je - sus our Em - man - u - el.
born to raise each child of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.

Refrain



Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, “Glor-y to the new-born King!”

TEXT: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). MUSIC: Mendelssohn; Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847).

Dismissal

Deacon: Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Upcoming Worship Services

Sunday, January 2 – The Epiphany of the Lord

We welcome the Magi as we continue our celebration of the birth of Jesus
Sung Eucharist at 9:30 AM and 11:15 AM, in the church and on Zoom
Compline at 8 PM on Zoom

Sunday, January 9 – The Baptism of the Lord

Through the waters of baptism, Jesus heard “you are my Son, the beloved”.
Sung Eucharist at 9:30 AM and 11:15 AM, in the church and on Zoom
Compline at 8 PM on Zoom

Faith Formation

At Church of the Redeemer, we offer a variety of faith formation programs. For our youngest members and their families, we offer Pyjama Prayers on Zoom on Friday Nights at 6:45 PM. This is a time of story, songs, and prayers at the end of a week. For children (JK-Grade 6) we offer Church School Sundays at 9:30 AM on Zoom, these lessons help us connect, learn about Jesus, and have some fun.

Our youth group (Grade 7-12) gather in person at 9:30 AM, we gather to discuss, share life, and learn. Contact Andrew Kuhl (akuhl@theredeemer.ca) for more information about Children, Youth and Families.

Marginalia is our adult faith formation program. It brings people together for learning and conversation sometimes with special guests and speakers. For information about upcoming sessions contact Nate Wall (nwall@theredeemer.ca).

Jesus & Astrology (Jan. 10)

A band of non-Jewish strangers hunts down the baby Jesus because, as they say, “We saw his star at its rising.” Ancient peoples tried to decode the stars’ secrets. Modern people still feel the pull of celestial bodies on our lives. In this Marginalia one-off, we’ll explore the role of stars and folk magic in the Bible, in western history, and in the here and now. And we’ll wonder what it all has to do with the story of the non-Jewish magi who track down the Jewish Messiah.

Women & the Bible (Jan. 24, 31, Feb. 7)

“Complicated” might be the best word to describe women’s relationship with the Christian Bible. The Bible’s words inspired the suffrage movement and made possible the 20th century idea of universal human rights. But the Bible has also been used to defend and entrench even the worst kinds of patriarchy. With the help of some special guests, this Marginalia series will explore the Bible’s legacy when it comes to women and womanhood.

Worship and Spirituality

During the Week

Mid-day Prayer

Members of our community gather for mid-day prayer **Monday through Saturday** on Zoom at **12:15 PM**. For about 20 minutes we pause to hear scripture read and to pray for what's on our hearts and for the cares and concerns of the world. The Zoom link and list of readings is sent out each week through eNews. The order of service is on our website.

Tuesday Meditation Group

The group is taking a break for Christmas and will return on Jan. 11.

Prayer on Wednesday

Each Wednesday morning, a simple order for daily prayer is added to the parish website with a link shared on the Facebook page. This is an invitation to set aside time during the day to read scripture, to reflect and to offer prayers. The order of service for this coming Wednesday will be posted on the website.

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.

On Sunday

Intercessions

In the prayers of the people each Sunday, space is left for members of the community to add a name or concern. If you have people or situations that you would like but are not comfortable giving voice to them, there is a **prayer request form** on the website. These will be added in the Zoom chat in the appropriate petition of the intercessions.

In the Community

Remember Your Booster

All members of the community are encouraged to book a COVID-19 booster vaccination as soon as you are eligible. Information is available on the **City of Toronto website**.

When we love our neighbour, we wear a mask and get vaccinated!

Becoming a Pilgrim

The next steps in planning a parish Camino to Santiago pilgrimage in mid-September 2022, alongside a series of local pilgrimages in and around the GTA, are well underway. The Pilgrimage Committee is proposing two possible starting points for the Camino:

the first begins in the village of O’Cebreiro and would mean a pilgrimage of about nine days; the second in the city of Sarria and would take approximately six to seven. The local pilgrimages in and around the GTA will begin Eastertide 2022 and continuing into the autumn. Anyone interested in the Camino pilgrimage in Spain is invited to a Zoom planning meeting on **Wednesday Jan. 19, 2022**, at 7:30 PM. Meanwhile, if you have any questions, please contact Susan Haig or Henry Krol. The Zoom link will be available in a future edition of eNews. Planning for the local pilgrimages will commence in February 2022.

The Common Table

The pandemic has caused many services to close, meaning low-income folks or people experiencing homelessness have limited access to resources. Clothing and hygiene supplies are particularly hard to come by and, with the changing of the seasons, we are in urgent need of winter wear. To donated needed resources, please contact Paul Wasswa, The Common Table's Outreach Supply Room Coordinator, to arrange a drop-off time. A list of the items we need is updated regularly and posted on The Common Table's page of the website. We ask that you donate only the needed items as storage space is limited. Please note that we are unable to provide receipts for in-kind donations.

Support Us:

We gather to celebrate the birth of Jesus - God-with-us, Emmanuel. This has been a year where hopes for a return to life as it once was, has seemed within reach and still not yet. Through it all, we have worshiped, learned, served and celebrated together. In the midst of uncertainty, there is still much to be grateful for. As the calendar year ends, please consider reviewing your financial support of our vital ministry. 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, Richard Heystee, for more information on how to do this.
- **a cheque, dated in December 2021, mailed to the church and postmarked in 2021.** 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, 2021 (if you can do this safely while following pandemic protocols).

Thank you for supporting the ministry of our community.