

CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS)

Licensed Lay Minister: Natasha Bejarano

Opening Carol: Joy to the World

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Gathering of the Community

Gloria

Collect of the Day (*pray in unison*): 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 Proclaiming of the Word:

Psalm 96

Gradual Anthem: Christmas Isn't Christmas

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2: 1-20 (Graham Hunt)

A Christmas Message

Blessing of the Crib

Prayers of the People

The Peace

Offering Hymn: Silent Night

Prayer over the Gifts (*pray in unison*): 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**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of Bread

Holy Communion

Hymns during the Communion: What Child is This?/O Little Town of Bethlehem

Ablutions Hymn: The First Nowell

Prayer after Communion

Doxology

Blessing

Closing Carol: Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Christmas Eve Altar Flowers:

To the glory of God and remembering with thanksgiving those who have shared in our life journey, from Diane MacLeod and Sandy Rudolph.

Wreaths:

The wreaths on the outside of the church doors are placed in memory of Deborah Emmett.

Christmas Poinsettia:

To the glory of God and in loving memory of my husband Don Bagnell, our parents Joan and Ken Mumford, and grandparents Archdeacon and Mrs. John Stead, from Peggy, Diane, Michael and families.

To the glory of God and in loving memory of son Peter and parents Grant and Ruby Sharp and Glen and Dot DeVouge and other family members from Bev and family.

To the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents from Sheldon and Judy.

To the glory of God and the baby Jesus in loving memory of dearly departed grandparents, Dad, brother Terry and nephew Ryan from Jeff, Leona, Evan and Graham.

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Nanny and Grampy Mac with love from Josh, Kelly, Johanna, Gillian, Julia, Ainslie, Andrew and families.

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Hugh Ramsey from Bob, Lori and family.

To the glory of God and in loving memory of departed loved ones from Mike and Prue.

Christmas Memorial Donations:

To the glory of God and in loving memory of my wife Doris Spears and other departed family members from Walter Spears.

To the glory of God and in loving memory of loved ones from Dorothy and Warren.

To the glory of God and in loving memory of my husband Doug and parents Reg and Belle Duffney from Valerie McMaster.

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Pat, Paul, Michael, Rowena and departed Wilson and Hamilton family members from Harold and Debbie.

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Douglas Glawson from wife Helen and daughters Cindy and Janice and families.

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Kevin Croft from Mom, Dad, and Karen Anne.

To the glory of God and in loving memory of our granddaughter Miranda and daughter in law Donna from Don, Marg, and family.

To the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Rev. Canon Douglas and Dorothy Sherren, Rev. Clifton and Helen Quartermain, Perry Kohler and other departed members of the Quartermain and Sherren families from Michael and Hazel Sherren.

Chancel Guild: Volunteers

Greeters: Leona, Jeff, Evan & Graham Hunt

Christmas Day service – 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday, Dec. 31st – 10:00 a.m. Lessons and Carols for Christmas

Next **Coffee Hour** – Jan. 7th.

Next date for **8:00 a.m. BCP Communion** – Jan. 14th.

A **blessed Christmas** is wished to all of our parishioners and visitors. May the hope, peace, joy and love of the Christ child fill your hearts, your homes and your interactions with those you meet in the coming days.

If you are aware of anyone wishing **Christmas Holy Communion** brought to them at home due to illness, please mention their name to Rev. Lori.

A very big **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated to the Christmas Community Dinner. Through your contributions of food and volunteer hours the dinner was an enormous success. A special thank you to the volunteers who worked so hard on the kitchen clean up. The volunteers from St. Andrews, Brunswick St United and 1st United were wonderful additions to our work crew. Thank you everyone!

Office Hours Change: Our parish office is now open Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 2:15 p.m. The office will be closed for the Christmas holidays from December 22nd until January 3rd.

2024 Offering Envelopes are now available at the back of the church.

Our next **parish book club** meeting will be held on Sunday, Jan. 14th after worship. The book for discussion will be The Age of Insecurity: Coming Together as Things Fall Apart by Astra Taylor. All are welcome to join in the parish hall meeting room for the discussion.

Common Cup: As part of our cautionary approach in dealing with Covid 19 and other communicable illness, we continue to offer two options for the receiving of communion wine: the common cup and a second cup from which a medicine dropper is used to place wine upon the host. You are invited to make the choice that is best for you and cross to the appropriate chalice after receiving the host. **Note:** Dipping of the wafer (intinction) is not permitted in the common cup.

Our **Mitten Tree** has gone up for another year. We welcome your handmade or purchased donations of mittens and scarves to share with our local schools. Please note: we are not accepting hats this year.

Reminder: All donations to be included on the 2023 income tax receipts must be received in the office (or in the parish mailbox on the crypt door) by **Sunday, December 31st**.

2023 Income Tax Receipts: The latest version of the computer program we use to record our offerings now gives us the ability to issue income tax receipts by email. In order to implement this change beginning with the 2023 year, we are in the process now of setting up email addresses in our database. If you've had a recent email address change, and you haven't already done so, please make sure you provide it to Angela before the end of the month. For those who do not have an email account, receipts will be printed as in past years. Should you have any questions about the emailing of receipts please see Harry MacKenzie, our Envelope Secretary.

A stable lamp is lighted /Whose glow shall wake the sky;
The stars shall bend their voices, / And every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry, /And straw like gold shall shine;
A barn shall harbour heaven, /A stall become a shrine.

This child through David's city /Shall ride in triumph by;
The palm shall strew its branches, /And every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry; /Though heavy, dull, and dumb,
And lie within the roadway /To pave his kingdom come.

Yet he shall be forsaken, /And yielded up to die;
The sky shall groan and darken, /And every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry, /For stony hearts of men:
God's blood upon the spear-head, /God's love refused again.

But now, as at the ending, /The low is lifted high;
The stars shall bend their voices, /And every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry, /In praises of the Child
By whose descent among us /The worlds are reconciled.

Richard Wilbur (1921-2017)



Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist 4:00 p.m. December 24th, 2023



Rector: Rev'd Lori Ramsey



Wardens: Elaine MacInnis and Neil Harris

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