

# ***St. Hugh & St. Edmund Anglican Church, Malton***

***December 24, 2020: Christmas Eve***

**Opening Hymns:** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

## **The Gathering of the Community**

*Officiant*    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.

*Officiant*    Almighty God,  
*All*              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.

## **Glory to God**

*Officiant*    Glory to God in the highest,  
*All*              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**

*Officiant* Let us pray.  
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.

*People* Amen.

### **The Proclamation of the Word**

*Please refer to the following pages for a copy of this Sunday's readings.*

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**Christmas I CHRISTMASEVE**

Luke 2:1-14 (15-20) Yrs A B C

**Collect**

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.

**A Reading from the Book of 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.

Isaiah 9:2-7

**Psalm: Refrain: (All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God).**

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the whole earth. Sing to the Lord and bless his name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples. For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods. **R** As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but it is the Lord who made the heavens. Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! Oh, the power and the splendour of his sanctuary! Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the Lord honour and power. Ascribe to the Lord the honour due his name; bring offerings and come into his courts. **R** Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him. Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is king! he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity." Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein. **R** Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, when he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth. **R**

Psalm 96

**A Reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus.**

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.

Titus 2:11-14

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

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!"

[When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.]

Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

**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.

**Prayer after Communion**

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 Sermon

### Hymn for Reflection: *Angels We Have Heard On High*

## The Nicene Creed

*Officiant* 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.

### **The Prayers of the People**

(In joy and humility let us pray to the creator of the universe,  
saying, “Lord, grant us peace.”)

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

**Lord, grant us peace.**

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

**Lord, grant us peace.**

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

**Lord, grant us peace.**

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

**Lord, grant us peace.**

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

**Lord, grant us peace.**

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

**Lord, grant us peace.**

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

**Lord, grant us peace.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

*Officiant* Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
he welcomes sinners  
and invites them to his table.  
Let us confess our sins,  
confident in God's forgiveness.

*Officiant* Most merciful God,  
*All* we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.

*Officiant* Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* Amen.

## **The Peace**

*Officiant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

## **Offertory Hymn: What Child Is This?**

## The Prayer over the Gifts

*Officiant* 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.

*People* Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is indeed right that we should praise you,  
gracious God,  
for you created all things.  
You formed us in your own image:  
male and female you created us.  
When we turned away from you in sin,  
you did not cease to care for us,  
but opened a path of salvation for all people.  
You made a covenant with Israel,  
and through your servants Abraham and Sarah  
gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.  
Through Moses you led your people  
from bondage into freedom;  
through the prophets  
you renewed your promise of salvation.  
Therefore, with them, and with all your saints  
who have served you in every age,  
we give thanks and raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name.



*All*        **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.**

*Celebrant*    Holy God, source of life and goodness,  
all creation rightly gives you praise.  
In the fullness of time,  
you sent your Son Jesus Christ,  
to share our human nature,  
to live and die as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.  
He healed the sick  
and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;  
he opened the eyes of the blind  
and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom  
to the poor and to those in need.  
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death,  
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.”

Gracious God,  
his perfect sacrifice  
destroys the power of sin and death;  
by raising him to life  
you give us life for evermore.

*All* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* Recalling his death,  
proclaiming his resurrection,  
and looking for his coming again in glory,  
we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these gifts,  
that all who eat and drink at this table  
may be one body and one holy people,  
a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory is yours, almighty Father,  
now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Officiant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*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**

*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.**

## **The Communion**

*Celebrant* The body of Christ (given for you).  
The blood of Christ (shed for you).

## **Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

*All* **In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of  
Your Church, where Your blessed Body and Blood are being  
offered to the Father, I desire to offer You praise and thanksgiving.**

**I present to You my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may  
ever be united to You.**

**And since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I beseech You to  
come spiritually into my heart.**

**I unite myself to You, and embrace You with all the affections of my  
soul. O let nothing ever separate me from You. Let me live and die in  
Your love. Amen.**

## **Communion Hymn: *Silent Night***

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* 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.

## **The Doxology**

*Officiant* 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.

## **The Blessing**

*Officiant* May the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin  
and brighten your hearts with holiness; and the blessing of  
God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be  
among you and remain with you always.

*People* Amen.

## **Dismissal**

*Officiant* Let us go in to the world to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **Closing Hymn: *Joy To The World***