

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

***December 27, 2020: First Sunday after Christmas***

**Opening Hymn:** *The First Noel*

**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.  
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.

*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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**COLLECT:** 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 and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH**

10 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. 11 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. 1 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. 2 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. 3 You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ISAIAH 61:10—62:3

**PSALM**

*Refrain Hallelujah!* 1 Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights. 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host. 3 Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars. **R** 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord; for he commanded, and they were created. 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away. **R** 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps; 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will; 9 Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars; 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds; **R** 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world; 12 Young men and maidens, old and young together. 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name only is exalted, his splendour is over earth and heaven. **R** 14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. **R** PSALM 148

**A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE GALATIANS**

4 When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. 6 And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God. GALATIANS 4:4—

## THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

22 When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Jesus' parents brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), 24 and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." 25 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. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 27 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, 28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 29 "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; 30 for my eyes have seen your salvation, 31 which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." 33 And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. 34 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 35 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." 36 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, 37 then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. 38 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. 39 When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. 40 The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him. LUKE 2:22-40

**Prayer over the gifts:** God of light, in the birth of your Son we see your glory. May we who share in this mystery grow daily in your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

**Prayer after Communion:** ~~Source~~ of truth and Joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

## The Sermon

### Hymn for Reflection: *Good King Wenceslas*

### 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.**

## **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.

## **Confession and Absolution**

*Officiant* Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God  
welcomes sinners and invites them to this 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: O Holy Night**

### **The Prayer over the Gifts**

*Officiant* God of light, in the birth of your Son we see your glory.  
May we who share in this mystery grow daily in your love.  
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

*People* Amen.

### **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: God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen**