

# First Sunday after Christmas

Area Parish of Mississippi Lake, Anglican Diocese of Ottawa

*We acknowledge that we are on the traditional, unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabe nation. May we dwell on this land with respect and peace. This land has been cared for and inhabited by indigenous people since the beginning. For those who gather from beyond our parish, we invite you to acknowledge the traditional territory you are on today.*

*Page numbers refer to the Book of Alternative Services of the Anglican Church of Canada. Hymn numbers in Common Praise are as indicated.*

## Opening Hymn. It Came upon the Midnight Clear

*Common Praise #140*

**It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth  
to touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, to all good will  
from heaven’s most gracious king!”  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
to hear the angels sing.**

**For lo, the days are hastening on,  
by prophets seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years  
shall come the time foretold:  
when the new heaven and earth shall own  
the Prince of Peace their King,  
and the whole world send back the song  
which now the angels sing.**

# The Holy Eucharist

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## The Gathering of the Community

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## The Collect of the Day

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. **Amen**

# The Proclamation of the Word

## First reading

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord"; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

*1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsive reading

*All are invited to respond by reading the second half of the verse.*

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
**praise him in the heights.**

Praise him, all you angels of his;  
**praise him, all his host.**

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him,  
**all you shining stars.**

Praise him, heaven of heavens,  
**and you waters above the heavens.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord;  
**for he commanded, and they were created.**

He made them stand fast for ever and ever;  
**he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

Praise the Lord from the earth,  
**you sea-monsters and all deeps;**

Fire and hail, snow and fog,  
**tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

Mountains and all hills,  
**fruit trees and all cedars;**

Wild beasts and all cattle,  
**creeping things and winged birds;**

Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
**princes and all rulers of the world;**

Young men and maidens,  
**old and young together.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
**for his name only is exalted,  
his splendour is over earth and heaven.**

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.**

*Psalm 98*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
**as it was in the beginning,  
is now and will be forever. Amen.**

## **Second reading**

A reading from the letter of Paul to Colossians

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do

everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

*Colossians 3: 12-17*

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**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

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

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look,

your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

*Luke 2: 41-52*

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **Sermon**

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

Let us pray for the church, the earth, and all those in need, in the name of the one who is our Wonderful Counsellor and the Prince of Peace, with the words 'Hear our prayer'.

For the church in all its forms - for Pentecostals and Anglicans; for Mennonites and Baptists; for Romans Catholics, Orthodox and Coptic Christians.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer** we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

**In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer for Canada**, we pray for Director Joe Vecsi and the staff of Communications and Information Resources; Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer Amal Attia and the staff of Financial Management and Administration; Lyle McKenzie, Assistant to the National Bishop for Worship

**In our Diocese**, we pray for Bishop Shane Parker; In our Companion Diocese of Jerusalem, we pray for Church of the Holy Family, Raineh, Isreal.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For leaders, and for all peoples, especially ethnic and religious groups in conflict with one another. Clothe the nations with your love, which binds everything together.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For parents separated from their children; for those suffering from stress; for those living in long-term care facilities; and for all those in need of our prayers, especially remembering **Rob, Larry, John** and any others who we wish to name silently or aloud this morning

...(short silence). Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For those gathered here today in worship. Clothe us in compassion, kindness, humility, and patience, and teach us to forgive one another. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

With grief and thanksgiving we remember our departed loved ones who now praise you with all the angels. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Leader: O God, who shines light into darkness, receive these prayers and the prayers of our hearts through the power of the Spirit, in Jesus' name.

**Amen**

*If you would like to request prayers for yourself or someone you love, please contact the church office at [office@stjamescarletonplace.ca](mailto:office@stjamescarletonplace.ca) or 613-257-3178.*

## **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*All may exchange a sign of peace in the name of the Lord. Please add a comment on YouTube if you are watching online.*

# The Celebration of the Eucharist

## The Preparation of the Gifts

### Offertory Hymn. No Crowded Eastern Street

*Common Praise #129*

No crowded eastern street,  
no sound of passing feet;  
far to the left and far to right  
the prairie snows spread fair and white;  
yet still to us it born tonight  
the child, the King of glory.

No rock-hewn place of peace  
shared with the gentle beasts,  
but sturdy farm house, stout and warm,  
with stable, shed, and great red barn;  
and still to us is born tonight  
the child, the King of glory.

No blaze of heavenly fire,  
no bright celestial choir,  
only the starlight as of old,  
crossed by the planes' flash, red and gold;  
yet still to us is born tonight  
the child, the King of glory.

**No kings with gold and grain,  
no stately camel train;  
yet in his presence all may stand  
with loving heart and willing hand;  
for still to us is born tonight  
the child, the King of glory.**

### **The 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.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer 3**

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The Lord be with you.  
**And also 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.**

*Preface for Christmas, p 219*

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.

**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.**

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 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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
**we remember his death,**  
**we proclaim his resurrection,**  
**we await his coming in glory;**

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 sons and daughters;  
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.

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,  
**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 6**

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We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.  
**God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

## **The Communion**

The gifts of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*This prayer is intended to help us all focus on the sacrament of Holy Communion, whether we receive the bread and wine in-person or not. You may wish to offer this prayer privately, or aloud when worshipping as a group.*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have put your life into our hearts;  
now we put our lives into your hands.  
Take us, renew us and remake us.  
What we have been is past;  
what we shall be, through you, still awaits us.  
Lead us on. Take us with you.  
In your name we pray. Amen.<sup>1</sup>

## **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.**

## **Dismissal**

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. **Amen.**

Go forth in the name of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted from [A Wee Worship Book](#), Wild Goose Resource Group

## **Closing Hymn. Joy to the World**

*Common Praise #154*

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come:  
let earth receive the King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns:  
let us glad songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.**