



The Anglican Parish of Christ Church Bolton

Christmas Eve

4:00 pm & 9 pm Holy Eucharist

December 24, 2024

Preacher & Celebrant ~ Rev. Don Davidson



Processional Hymn

Common Praise – 118, O Come, All Ye Faithfull



✘ The Gathering of the Community

Acknowledgement of Territory

We acknowledge that we are in the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, the Anishinaabe peoples, on whose land and by whose waters we gather to worship, listen, learn, share and heal together in the name of our creator, the Holy One of Blessing.

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.**

Almighty God, 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.

✘ The Collect of the Day

said together

**Almighty God,
As we prepare with joy
To celebrate the gift of the Christ-child,
Embrace the earth with your glory
And be for us a living hope
In Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

✠ Advent Wreath

Accomplished in Procession during a gradual processional hymn. During the first three verses the procession moves to the Advent wreath

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

God of God, Light of Light,
lo, He abhors not the virgin's womb;
very God, begotten not created;
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with holy fear.
We too would thither bend our joyful footsteps;
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Reader 1: Beloved, today we welcome the Christ Child, the fulfillment of our joy, as we proclaim with the prophet Isaiah, “For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace”.

All: Christ our joy has come near. Emmanuel, God with us, has come to dwell with us as a tiny baby. “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 2: We light this candle as a sign of Christ coming to dwell with us, to live in the neighborhood of vulnerable humanity as a vulnerable child. May the light of Christ warm our hearts and light our way as we share the joy of God’s salvation wherever we go.

The blue and pink/rose candles should be lit prior to the service. Light the center candle

During verse 4 the Procession moves to the vicinity of the Crèche.

*Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!*



✠ Blessing of the Crèche on Christmas Eve

The celebrant will place the Baby Jesus into the Crèche and then bless is saying:

Celebrant: O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the new-born Lord, lying in a manger! Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

Celebrant: The Word was made flesh

People: **And dwelt among us.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, who in the Incarnation of your Son has revealed to us the holiness of creation, be pleased to bless and hallow this image of his sacred birth, so that those who gaze upon it may behold this mystery, whereby humanity shares in your very nature; through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: May God Almighty bless this crèche in the name of the Father +, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit + . Amen.

During the final verse the procession moves to the Altar

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!



Refrain

Glo - ri - a

1, 3 2 2 to Verse 3

in ex-cel-sis De - o! De - o!

Final

De - o! In ex-cel-sis De - o!

Text: 77 77 with refrain; trad. French carol, ca. 18th cent.;
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✕ The Liturgy of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.” Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices; together they shout for joy, for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth; shout together for joy, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Isaiah 52:7-10

Listen for the leading of the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

✘ PSALM 98

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

✘ The Gospel

May God be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, O Jesus Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to

testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

John 1:1-14

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise be to you, O Jesus Christ.**

✘ **Sermon**

✘ **Profession of Faith ~ the Apostles' Creed**

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

✘ **The Prayers of the People**

✘ Confession and Absolution

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.

Silence is kept

Most merciful God,

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.

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. **Amen.**

✘ The Peace

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

The members of the community may greet one another in the name of Christ

✘ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn

Common Praise – 139, The First Nowell



✘ **The 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.**

✘ **Eucharistic Prayer**

sit, kneel or stand for the prayer

May God be with you

And also with you

Lift up your Hearts.

We lift our hearts to God.

Let us give thanks to God our creator.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ the Word made flesh, who in the mystery of the incarnation was made a perfect human of the flesh of the Virgin Mary; in Jesus 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 God.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, Merciful 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 Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In Jesus, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night Jesus was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and after giving thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and after giving thanks, 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, O God, according to Christ's command

We remember Christ's death.

We proclaim Christ's resurrection.

We await Christ's coming again.

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, God 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 Christ's blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in this sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in Jesus, 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 Redeemer, 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**

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Amen.

✠ **The Breaking of the Bread & the Communion**

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 gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

AGNUS DEI

Then the eucharistic bread is solemnly broken and the consecrated bread and wine are prepared for holy communion. The litany "Lamb of God" is sung during the breaking of the bread.



Cantor:

1. Je-sus, Lamb of
2. Je-sus, Bread of
3. Je-sus, Prince of



God,
Life, you take a-way the sins of the world: have
Peace,

Last time



Cantor:

All:

mer-cy on us. Je-sus, Lamb of God; you



take a-way the sins of the world: grant us your peace.

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Communion Hymn

Common Praise – 119, Silent Night



Postlude

Common Praise – 122, In the Bleak Midwinter



✘ **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.

Glory to God, 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, forever and ever. Amen.

✘ **Announcements**

✘ **Blessing**

Recessional Hymn

Common Praise – 154, Joy To the World



✘ **Dismissal**

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**





We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the following individuals for donations to help us create a beautiful and festive environment for all to enjoy this Christmas season.

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In memory of my mother, Charlene.

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In memory of loved ones who have passed.

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In memory and thanksgiving for all of our loved ones past and present.

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In loving memory of George & Irene Chaffe and Louise Cook

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To family and friends over the holidays

CHRIST CHURCH BOLTON

PRAYER LIST



Praying for our church family, friends, and neighbours:
take a few minutes each day to say a few names and ask God to care for them.

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