



The Anglican Parish of Christ Church Bolton

Christmas Day

10 am Holy Eucharist

December 25, 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*

O Jesus Christ,
Your birth at Bethlehem
Draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:
Accept our heartfelt praise
As we worship you,
Our saviour and our eternal God. Amen

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The blue and pink candles are lit before the service begins.

Reader : Today we welcome the baby Jesus, the fulfillment of our joy!

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 : We light this candle as a sign of Jesus coming to live with us. May the light of Christ warm our hearts and light our way as we share God’s love wherever we go.

The musical score is written in G minor (three flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the melody for 'Glo - ri - a'. The second staff contains the melody for 'in ex-cel-sis De - o! De - o!' and includes first and second endings. The third staff is labeled 'Final' and contains the melody for 'De - o! In ex-cel-sis De - o!'.

Refrain
Glo - ri - a

1, 3 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.;
tr. fr. *Crown of Jesus Music, II*, London, 1862; tr. by James Chadwick, 1813–1882, and others, alt.
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✘ **The Liturgy of the Word**

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

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

✘ **PSALM 96**

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.

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.

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.

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.

✘ The Gospel

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

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

Glory to you, O Jesus Christ.

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)

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 – 126, Away in a Manger



✘ The Prayer over the Gifts

Generous Creator, in faith and joy we celebrate the birth of your Son. Increase our understanding and our love of the riches you have revealed in him, who 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**

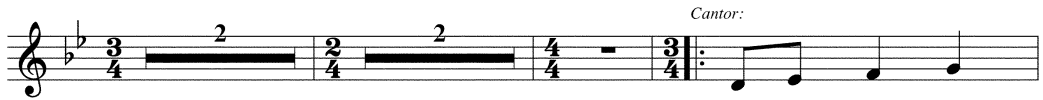
We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

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,



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



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

Music: *Mass of Creation*, Marty Haugen, © 1984, GIA Publications, Inc.

Communion Hymn

Common Praise – 137, What Child is This



Postlude

Common Praise – 119, Silent Night



✘ 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.**





*Merry
Christmas*



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 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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