



The Anglican Parish of Christ Church Bolton

First Sunday after Christmas

8 am & 10 am Holy Eucharist

December 29, 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*

Shine into our hearts

The light of your wisdom, O God,

And open our minds to the knowledge of your Word,

So that in all things we may think and act

According to your good will

And may live continually in the light

Of your beloved, Jesus Christ,

Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

One God, now and for ever. Amen.

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.;
 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 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

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

✘ PSALM 148

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.

✘ **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.

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 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**

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.

✘ **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



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 – 137, What Child is This



Postlude

Common Praise – 119, Silent Night



✘ **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.

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.**

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.

Laura	Pat	Margaret
Jean & Terry	Vera & Family	Havard
Marg & Gary	Carol Ohlers	Joyce
Bill & Dorothy	Mary Stone	Brianna
Mike Bewcyk	Gerri Hill	Heather Broadbent
Susan	Carole Whitehead	Janice & Family
Lisa & Family	Brian	Darlene
Virginia & Imants	Christina	Ann
Helen	Yvonne & David	

If you wish to have a name added to the prayer list, please go to
<https://christchurchbolton.ca/prayer-requests/> or call/email the church office.

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