

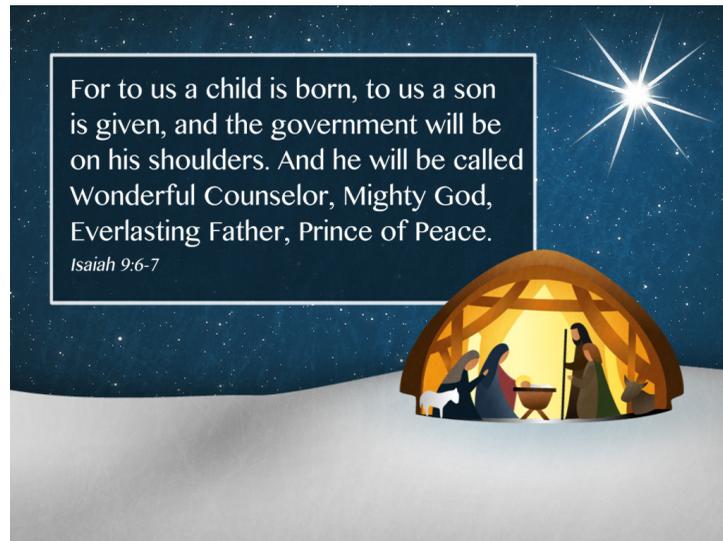
# St. George on Yonge Anglican

Tuesday, December 24, 2019

The Birth of the Lord: Christmas Eve

10:00 p.m. – Carol Singing & Sung Eucharist

## Welcome



### Words of Welcome and Instruction

For those who are at St. George on Yonge for the first time or who are visiting, it's good to have you with us! Welcome!

- ❖ We invite you to participate in as much of the worship as you wish and are able.
- ❖ During the times of prayer throughout the service, we encourage you to stand or sit, whichever is most comfortable and meaningful for you.
- ❖ The Anglican Church teaches that all who are baptised in any Christian tradition are welcome to receive the sacrament at the time of communion.
- ❖ If you wish to receive communion, please come forward to the two stations on either side of the Altar. It is God's invitation to the table, if you feel so moved you are invited and welcomed.
- ❖ If you do not wish to receive communion, we invite you to come to the Altar for a blessing, and to indicate so by crossing your arms over your chest.
- ❖ If you do not wish to drink the wine from the chalice, please feel comfortable to receive only the bread. Please do not dip the wafer in the chalice as studies have shown that this practice presents a health risk.
- ❖ To minimise health risks in the handling communion wafers, clergy and administrators apply an anti-bacterial lotion immediately before administration. The lotion is also available for congregational use.
- ❖ Personal hearing systems are available—please speak with the ushers if this would enhance your experience of worship at St. George on Yonge.
- ❖ Large print bulletins are available—please speak with the ushers.

## The Gathering of the Community

### Prayer

**Hymn #143**, verses 1 & 5 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

**Hymn #120**, verses 1 & 4 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

**Hymn #135**, verses 1 & 4 “Shepherds in the Field Abiding”

**Hymn #139**, verses 1 & 2 “The First Noël”

**Hymn #119** “Silent Night”

### Organ Prelude

*Celebrant* Let the heavens rejoice!

*People* **Let the earth rejoice in exaltation!**

*Celebrant* Let the seas roar and the trees shout for joy!

*People* **The Lord is coming to bring righteousness and truth.**

*Celebrant* God’s light has overcome the darkness!

*People* **The light shines upon us, around us, and through us.**

*Celebrant* Sing to the Lord and bless God’s name!

*People* **Salvation has come! Christ has come!**

### Organ Fanfare

**Processional Hymn #118** “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

### Greeting

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* Unto us a child is born.

*People* **Unto us a child is given.**

*Celebrant* Wonderful Counsellor,

*People* **Mighty God, Prince of Peace.**

**Glory to God** [Hymn #686]

*Celebrant* Glory to God in the highest,

*People* **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 upon 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.**

### Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Isaiah 52:7–10

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

<sup>7</sup> 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.”

<sup>8</sup> Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,  
together they sing for joy;  
for in plain sight they see  
the return of the Lord to Zion.

<sup>9</sup> Break forth together into singing,  
you ruins of Jerusalem;  
for the Lord has comforted his people,  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

<sup>10</sup> 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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98

**Refrain:** Sing to the Lord a new song.

1 Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvellous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm  
has he won for himself the victory.

**Refrain**

3 The Lord has made known his victory;  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**Refrain**

5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the Lord with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.

**Refrain**

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,  
the lands and those who dwell therein.

**Refrain**

9 Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world  
and the peoples with equity.

**Refrain**

**Lord God, we see your righteous rule in all your works, and we join our voices with the song of your whole creation in praising you, in and through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

Second Reading:

Hebrews 1:1–12

*Reader* A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

<sup>1</sup> Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup> He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>5</sup> For to which of the angels did God ever say,

“You are my Son;  
today I have begotten you?”

Or again,

“I will be his Father,  
and he will be my Son?”

<sup>6</sup> And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

“Let all God's angels worship him.”

<sup>7</sup> Of the angels he says,

“He makes his angels winds,  
and his servants flames of fire.”

<sup>8</sup> But of the Son he says,

“Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever,  
and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom.

<sup>9</sup> You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;  
therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”

<sup>10</sup> And,

“In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth,  
and the heavens are the work of your hands;

<sup>11</sup> they will perish, but you remain;  
they will all wear out like clothing;

<sup>12</sup> like a cloak you will roll them up,  
and like clothing they will be changed.  
But you are the same,  
and your years will never end.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Acclamation

The musical score consists of four staves. The first staff is for the Cantor, with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!'. The second staff is for the choir, with the same lyrics. The third and fourth staves are for the organ or piano accompaniment. The lyrics for the third and fourth staves are: 'Cantor: I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord.'

Holy Gospel:

John 1:1–14

*Subdeacon* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Subdeacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

<sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> 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.

*Subdeacon* The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

*A time for silent reflection is kept.*

**The Nicene Creed**

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*Celebrant* Let us confess our faith, as we say,

*People* **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**

*Leader* Jesus, born in a stable because there was no room in the inn, we pray for the homeless.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Jesus, born away from your hometown, we pray for those away from their families this Christmas.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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*Leader* Jesus, hunted by Herod, we pray for those in danger, for those who live in war zones, and those who are treated unjustly.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Jesus, living as a refugee in Egypt, we pray for all refugees in the world and for the situations from which they flee.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Jesus, visited by shepherds and wise men, we pray that this Christmas everyone will be visited by someone bringing comfort.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Jesus, preacher and teacher, we pray for all those who search for a meaning in life; may you provide them with people to guide them.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Jesus, healer and deliverer, we pray for healing for all those who are sick this Christmas.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Jesus, born as one of us, we pray today that peace, hope, and love of you be known and felt around the world.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Jesus, we pray to you knowing that you hear us, that you intercede for us, and that you answer our prayers. **Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution** page 191

*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Most merciful God,

*People* **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.**

## 10

*Celebrant* 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**

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*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

### **Offertory Hymn #148 "See Amid the Winter's Snow"**

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **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. Amen.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer #3**

Proper Preface Christmas

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* 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.

# 11

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.

*People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Arranged by  
Michael Leach

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

People: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might,  
 hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - sa - nna in the  
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
 Lord. Ho - sa - nna in the high - est.

*Celebrant* 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."

*People*

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

*Celebrant* 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.

# 12

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 [Arranged by Michael Leach]

"Pray then, like this..."  
 Cantor: As our Sav - ior taught us, let us pray,  
 = mm 96  
 People: Our Fa - ther in Hea'vn, hall - owed be your Name.  
 Your king - dom come, your will be done, on — earth as in hea - ven.  
 Give us to - day our dai - ly bread, and for - give us our sins, as  
 we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the  
 time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.  
 For the — king - dom, the po - wer, and the — glo - ry are yours, —  
 now — and for — e - ver. A - - - - - men.

## The Breaking of the Bread #6

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

*People* **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

**Lamb of God** [Arranged by Michael Leach]

*People* **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.**

**The Communion**

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the People of God.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Communion Hymns**

#121 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

#125 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

**Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **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.**

**Doxology** [Arranged by Michael Leach]

*People* **Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more, infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever, for ever and ever. Amen, Amen.**

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**Blessing**

*Celebrant* Do not be afraid. Go into the world now with courage. Share the good news. Proclaim tidings of great joy! A saviour has been born. And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you, those you love and all whom you serve, this joyous Christmas night and always. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn #138 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"**

**Dismissal**

*Subdeacon* Go now in wonder. Go to bring light to those in darkness, joy to those who can find no joy, magic to a world steeped in realism. Go with the songs of angels in your ears, and the love of God in your hearts. Go and spread the word—the babe of Bethlehem is born for all.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

***The Christmas Poinsettias are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of***

Arnold & Margaret Handley from Lynne, Susan, Robert, & Stephen  
our parents, John & Helen Hunter and Stan & Gladys Pummell, from Laura & John

***Thank you to everyone who made donations to decorate the church.***

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Leonard Leader  
Subdeacon Margie Lyttle  
Readers Craig Robertson, Geraldine Sperling  
Intercessor Doug Heyes  
Chalice Doug Heyes, Craig Robertson  
Duty Warden Lorraine Baillie  
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**The Christmas Banner hung in the Church** was designed by Rod McAvoy. Rod was our multi-talented organist here at St. George’s from January 1999 to November 2008. Rod was assisted by members of the congregation in buying the fabrics (Kathy Lindsey) and in cutting and stitching the design (Alan Sperling, Karen Done, and Betty Clennett). It is believed that the work was completed in about 2005 – a great accomplishment and a wonderful gift.

**2019 Donations:** A reminder that in order to receive income tax receipts for 2019 donations, they must be received by Sunday, December 29 so that they can be included in the deposit for 2019.

**Christmas Services**

**Christmas Day Communion**

Wednesday, December 25 10:00 a.m.

**First Sunday after Christmas Eucharist**

Sunday, December 29 10:30 a.m. (one service only)



Services

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Said Eucharist (BAS 1962)
	9:00 a.m.	Mandarin Fellowship
	10:30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist (BAS)

BAS 1962 (Book of Alternate Services) uses the 1962 rite which is the traditional language as in the BCP (Book of Common Prayer)

Mandarin Fellowship is offered in the Sanctuary. We hope our Mandarin Fellowship can be a “harbour for love,” where we seek truth together, while experiencing and receiving the abundant grace of God.

衷心欢迎您来到圣乔治教会大家庭，我们的国语团契每周日上午9点举行主日聚会。

盼望国语团契可以成为一个爱的港湾，在这里我们一起寻求上帝的真理，一起经历上帝的同在，一起领受上帝的恩典。

BAS (Book of Alternate Services) uses contemporary, inclusive-language

Priest-in-Charge	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Honorary Associate	The Rev. Canon Sister Constance Joanna Gefvert, SSJD
Assistant Curate	The Rev. Morning Wang
Organist & Director of Music	Michael Leach
Parish Administrator	Craig Gustafson
Custodian	Philip Ikhuoria