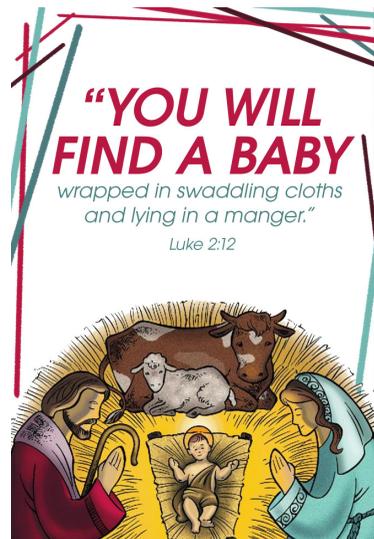


Wednesday, December 25, 2019

The Birth of the Lord: Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. – Holy 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 that 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

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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.**

Opening Hymn #118 “O Come, All Ye Faithful” Text by John Francis Wade & Étienne-Jean-François; translation by Frederick Oakley & William T. Brooke

1 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;

Refrain: O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

2 God of God, Light of Light,
lo, he abhors not the virgin’s womb;
very God, begotten not created:

Refrain

3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God in the highest:

Refrain

4 See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;

Refrain

5 Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

Refrain

Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God,

People **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.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **O God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem, may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ our Lord, who lives 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.

⁷ 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.”

⁸ 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.

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

¹⁰ 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

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

¹ Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ² 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. ³ 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, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵ 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?"

⁶ And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,
"Let all God's angels worship him."

⁷ Of the angels he says,
"He makes his angels winds,
and his servants flames of fire."

⁸ 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.

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

¹⁰ And,
"In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands;

¹¹ they will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like clothing;

¹² 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.**

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.**

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

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

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

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

¹⁴ 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.**

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.**

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 page 192

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn #153 "Good Christians All, Rejoice"

Text from German-Latin carol; translation by John Mason Neale

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| <p>1 Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Listen now to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow
and he is in the manger now!
Christ is born today;
Christ is born today!</p> | <p>3 Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Now you need not fear the grave;
Jesus Christ was born to save:
come at his most gracious call
to find salvation, one and all!
Christ was born to save;
Christ was born to save!</p> |
| <p>2 Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Hear the news of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this;
he has opened heaven's door
and we are blessed for evermore!
Christ was born for this;
Christ was born for this!</p> | |

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.**

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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.

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.**

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

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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

People **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. 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;

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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

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

People **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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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.**

O Lamb of God

People **O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.

The Communion

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Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Father of all, today 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

Celebrant Glory to God,
People 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn #154 "Joy to the World"

Text by Isaac Watts

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| <p>1 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.</p> | <p>3 No more let wrongs and sorrows grow,
 nor thorns infest the ground;
 he comes to make his blessings flow
 far as our sin is found,
 far as our sin is found,
 far as, far as our sin is found.</p> |
| <p>2 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.</p> | <p>4 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.</p> |

Dismissal

Subdeacon Go in peace celebrating Jesus' birth as we love and serve the Lord.
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. Morning Wang
 Subdeacon Doug Heyes
 Readers Michael Leach, Doug Heyes
 Intercessor Doug Heyes
 Altar Guild Team 2: Grace Pryce , Margie Lyttle, Roshni Sircar

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.

This Sunday

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
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