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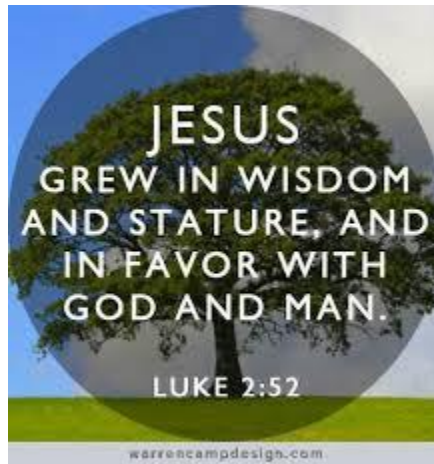
December 26, 2021

First Sunday after Christmas

10:00 a.m. – Eucharist

## *Welcome*

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### The Gathering of the Community

#### Piano 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!**

#### Processional Hymn #138 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Text by Charles Wesley

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King,  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

**Refrain:** Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King."

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail, the incarnate deity,  
pleased as one of us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel!

#### **Refrain**

3 Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise each child of earth,  
born to give us second birth.

#### **Refrain**

**Greeting and Collect for Purity**

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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.**

*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.**

**Glory to God**

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*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 on 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* **Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Proclamation of the Word**

First Reading:

I Samuel 2:18–20,26

*Reader* A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

<sup>18</sup>Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>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.

<sup>26</sup> Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

### Psalm 148

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| <p>1 Hallelujah!<br/>Praise the Lord from the heavens;<br/>praise him in the heights.</p> <p>2 <b>Praise him, all you angels of his;<br/>praise him, all his host.</b></p> <p>3 Praise him, sun and moon;<br/>praise him, all you shining stars.</p> <p>4 <b>Praise him, heaven of heavens,<br/>and you waters above the heavens.</b></p> <p>5 Let them praise the name of the Lord;<br/>for he commanded, and they were<br/>created.</p> <p>6 <b>He made them stand fast for ever and<br/>ever;<br/>he gave them a law which shall not<br/>pass away.</b></p> <p>7 Praise the Lord from the earth,<br/>you sea-monsters and all deeps;</p> | <p>8 <b>Fire and hail, snow and fog,<br/>tempestuous wind, doing his will;</b></p> <p>9 Mountains and all hills,<br/>fruit trees and all cedars;</p> <p>10 <b>Wild beasts and all cattle,<br/>creeping things and wingèd birds;</b></p> <p>11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,<br/>princes and all rulers of the world;</p> <p>12 <b>Young men and maidens,<br/>old and young together.</b></p> <p>13 Let them praise the name of the Lord,<br/>for his name only is exalted,<br/>his splendour is over earth and<br/>heaven.</p> <p>14 <b>He has raised up strength for his<br/>people<br/>and praise for all his loyal servants,<br/>the children of Israel, a people who<br/>are near him.<br/>Hallelujah!</b></p> |
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**Blessed are you, Lord our God, creator of heaven and earth; you open our eyes to see the wonders around us, and our hearts and mouths to praise you. Now give us strength for loving service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Second Reading:

Colossians 3:12–17

*Reader* A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

<sup>12</sup> As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*Celebrant* Alleluia

*People* **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

*People* **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel:

Luke 2:41–52

*Subdeacon* The Lord be with you.

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

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

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

<sup>41</sup> Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup> When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup> 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. <sup>45</sup> When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> 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." <sup>49</sup> He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup> But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup>

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Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

<sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

*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* Hear us, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, grant us peace.**

### Confession and Absolution

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*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

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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 #145 "Good King Wenceslas"

Text by John Mason Neale

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| <p>1 Good King Wenceslas looked out<br/>on the feast of Stephen,<br/>when the snow lay round about,<br/>deep and crisp and even.<br/>Brightly shone the moon that night,<br/>though the frost was cruel,<br/>when a poor man came in sight,<br/>gathering winter fuel.</p> <p>2 "Hither, page, and stand by me,<br/>if thou knowest it, telling:<br/>yonder peasant, who is he?<br/>Where and what his dwelling?"<br/>"Sire, he lives a good league hence,<br/>underneath the mountain,<br/>right against the forest fence,<br/>by St. Agnes' fountain."</p> | <p>3 "Bring me flesh and bring me wine,<br/>bring me pine-logs hither;<br/>thou and I will see him dine,<br/>when we bear them thither."<br/>Page and monarch forth they went,<br/>forth they went together,<br/>through the rude wind's wild<br/>lament,<br/>and the bitter weather.</p> <p>4 "Sire, the night is darker now,<br/>and the wind blows stronger:<br/>fails my heart, I know not how;<br/>I can go no longer."<br/>"Mark my footsteps, my good page,<br/>tread thou in them boldly.<br/>Thou shalt find the winter's rage<br/>freeze thy blood less coldly."</p> |
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5 In his master's steps he trod,  
 where the snow lay dinted;  
 heat was in the very sod  
 which the saint had printed.

Therefore, Christians all, be sure,  
 wealth and rank possessing,  
 ye who now will bless the poor,  
 shall yourselves find blessing.

### The Prayer over the Gifts

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **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. Amen.**

### Eucharistic Prayer #3

Proper Preface Christmas

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*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.

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



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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;

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**

*Celebrant* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

*People* **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 forever. 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.**

### **Spiritual Communion Prayer**

*People* **I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in the holy sacrament and in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment, I join with them to receive you in my heart, and in our community. May you, enthroned on the altar, be now enthroned in my heart; may you, present in bread and wine,**

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feed and renew my soul; may you, who give yourself to us again, fill us with grace, and heavenly blessing. Even as I am fed, may my hunger for your reign of justice and peace increase, that I may, with your Spirit, work for that day when your reign shall come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

## The Communion

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

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

*All baptised Christians are invited to share in Communion.*

## Solo 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

## Prayer after Communion

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **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.**

## 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

## Dismissal

*Subdeacon* Go in peace celebrating Jesus' birth as we love and serve the Lord

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

## Recessional Hymn #154 "Joy to the World"

Text by Isaac Watts

- 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 nature sing,  
and heaven and heaven and nature sing.
- 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.

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| <p>3 No more let wrongs and sorrows grow,<br/>nor thorns infest the ground;<br/>he comes to make his blessings flow<br/>far as our sin is found,<br/>far as our sin is found,<br/>far as, far as our sin is found.</p> | <p>4 He rules the world with truth and<br/>grace,<br/>and makes the nations prove<br/>the glories of his righteousness<br/>and wonders of his love,<br/>and wonders of his love,<br/>and wonders, wonders of his love.</p> |
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**2021 Donations:** A reminder that in order to receive income tax receipts for 2021 donations, they must be received by Wednesday, December 30 so that they can be included in the deposit for 2021.

**We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .**

**Congregation Cycle**

Deborah T  
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Yaowei W  
Norma W  
Maxwell & Anne W  
Kay Y & Kira L

**Today's Scripture Readings**

**First Sunday after Christmas**

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26  
Psalm 148  
Col 3:12-17  
Luke 2:41-52

**Next Sunday's Scripture Readings**

**Epiphany of the Lord**

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Psalm 72:1-7,10-14  
Ephesians 3:1-12  
Matthew 2:1-12

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Leonard Leader	Videographer	Egan Done
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## **Territorial Acknowledgement**

The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee (ho-den-oh-show-nee) and Anishinabek (ah-nish-nah-bek) Nations, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. This territory is also covered by the Toronto Purchase. Today, Toronto is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island.

We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

## **COVID instructions from the Diocese to keep you safe**

IN CHURCH EVERYONE MUST:

1. **Be MASKED** all the time
2. **MAINTAIN PHYSICAL DISTANCING** (2 Metres)
3. Have **NO CONVERSATIONS** or **SOCIAL GATHERINGS**
4. **FOLLOW THE ARROWS** ON THE FLOOR
5. **FOLLOW THE PRIEST'S INSTRUCTIONS** for the Service

When the ORGANIST has finished the POSTLUDE, and the CAMERA is turned off, please leave the church.

Thank you for joining us  
Stay Safe