

# HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

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December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 10:30AM

The First Sunday after  
Christmas

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Colossians 3.15, 16*

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

**Processional Hymn: #136 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks**

### **Apostolic Greeting**

*(Please Stand)*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

Almighty God,

**All: 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.**

### **Gloria: Angels We Have Heard on High**

1. Angels we have heard on high,

Sweetly singing o'er the plains,

And the mountains in reply,

Echoing their joyous strains

*Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in*

*excelsis Deo!*

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?

Why your joyous strains prolong?

What the gladsome tidings be,

Which inspire your heavenly song?

*Refrain*

**Collect of the Day:** 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

### A reading from Isaiah 63:7-9

I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us, and the great favour to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, 'Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely'; and he became their saviour in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

### Canticle Hymn: #140 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

### A reading from Hebrews 2:10-18

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.' And again, 'I will put my trust in him.'

And again, 'Here am I and the children whom God has given me.' Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

### Gospel Acclamation:



### Gospel Reading – Matthew 2:13-18

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

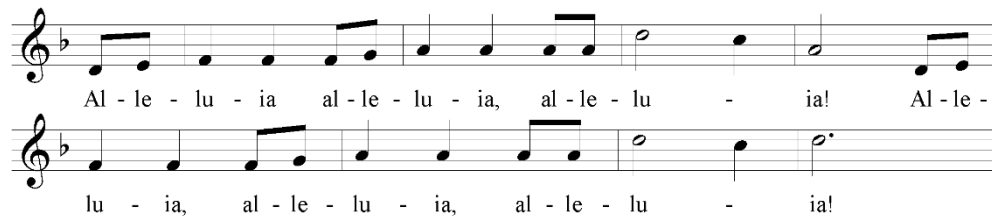


Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.' When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: 'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

### The Gospel of Christ.



### Gospel Acclamation:



### The Sermon: The Ven. Jonathan Crane

#### The Apostles' Creed:

Let us confess the faith of our baptism 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.

#### The Prayers of the People

*Response to each intercession:*

Lord in your mercy...

All: **Hear our prayer.**

#### Confession and Absolution

The sun of righteousness has dawned with healing in his wings. Let us come to the light and confess our sins. Most merciful God,

All: **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 neighbour 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.

### Absolution

#### The Peace

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to all in whom he delights.

All: And also with you.

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### Offertory Hymn # 112 In The Bleak Midwinter

#### 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. **Amen.**

#### Eucharistic Prayer 3

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

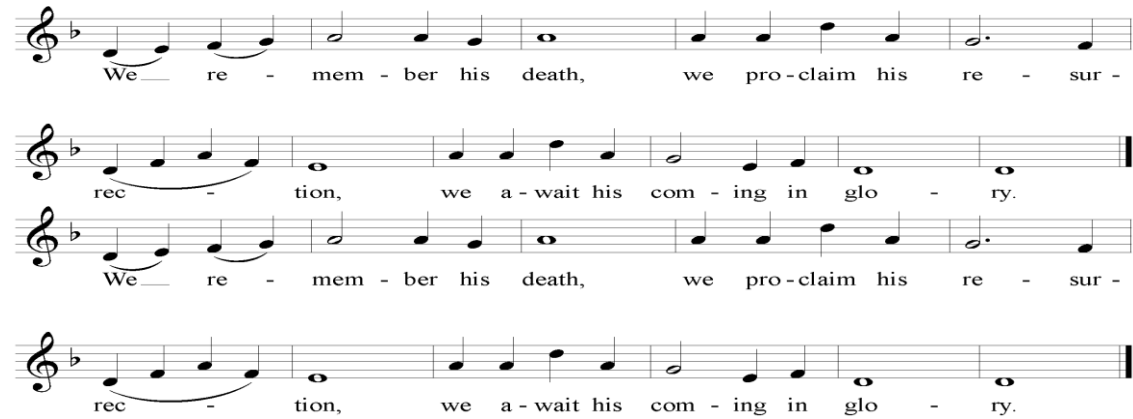
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly — Lord, Lord God of power and — might,  
heav'n — and earth are — full, full of your glo - ry. Ho  
san - na ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho san-na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

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 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,

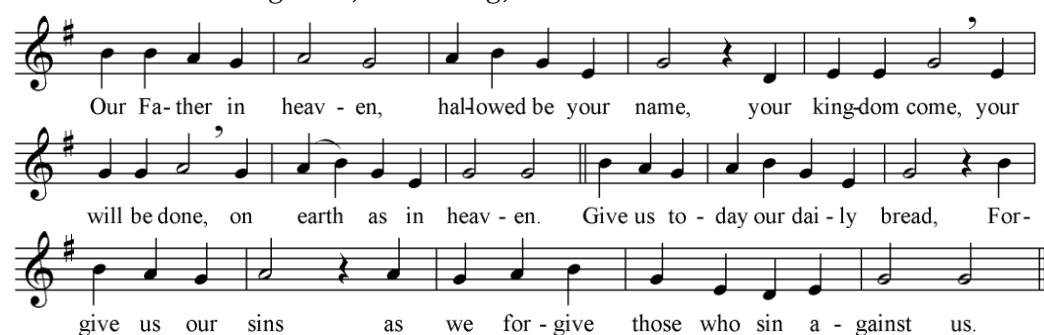


And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite 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.



## The Lord's Prayer:

As our Saviour taught us, let us sing,





## The Breaking of the Bread

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

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

## Fraction Anthem (*All sing*)



## The Communion

*The table is set, all are welcome. If you would prefer a blessing, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.  
The bread is gluten free for all to share in the One Bread, One Body.*

## Communion Hymn # 125 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

**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.**

## The Doxology:

**All:** 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Blessing

## Recessional Hymn #143: Angels, from the Realms of Glory

## The Dismissal

Go forth in the name of Christ.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## Postlude