



Christmas Eve
December 24, 2020 at 7 pm

Welcome

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. *(Luke 2.10-11)*

**The Lighting of the
Advent Candles**

Hear the words of the Prophet Isaiah: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined...For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

"His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this."

The Collect for Purity

The Two Great Commandments

We stand on the brink of God’s time and light again the candles of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. We light the Christ Candle to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus, the light coming into the world.

(Please pause as we light the Christ Candle)

All Loving God, come and shine your light in the world!

All Almighty God, to whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Minister Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this: ‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’

The second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself’. There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and prophets.’

All Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these your laws in our hearts.

The Collect (Prayer)
of the Day

Minister Let us pray.

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.**

Children and Youth

The Psalm - #96

1 Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

**2 Sing to the Lord and bless his name;
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to
day.**

3 Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples.

**4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
he is more to be feared than all gods.**

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

**6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!
Oh, the power and the splendour of his sanctuary!**

7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;
ascribe to the Lord honour and power.

**8 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due his name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.**

9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.

**10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is king!
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."**

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;

Hymn

The Gospel Reading

let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, when he comes to judge the earth.

13 He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.

Once in Royal David's City

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour,

who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’ ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!’

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’ ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

When the reading is finished, it will end with this response:

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Apostles’ Creed

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Sermon

The Rt Rev'd Jenny Andison

The Offertory

The Prayers of the People

Invitation to Confession

The Confession

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.

All

Blessed are You, Lord God of Israel, forever and ever. All that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; All things come from You, and of Your own we have given You.

{1 Chron. 29.10, 11, 14}

Minister

You then, who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from this day forward in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God.

All

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all, we acknowledge and confess

God's forgiveness is declared:

Comfortable Words

our many sins, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed, against your divine majesty. We earnestly repent, and are truly sorry for all our misdoings. Have mercy on us, most merciful Father. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake forgive us all that is past, and grant that from now on we may always serve and please you in lives wholly renewed by your Spirit, to the honour and glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bishop

Almighty God our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all who turn to him with heartfelt repentance and true faith: have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

Minister

Listen to our Lord Jesus Christ's words of assurance to all who truly turn to him:

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. *(Matthew 11.28)*

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. *(John 3:16)*

**Prayer of
Consecration**

The apostle Paul says: Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (*1 Timothy 1.15*)

The apostle John also says: If anyone does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defence - Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins. (*1 John 2.1-2*)

Minister The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Minister Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Minister It is indeed right, our duty and joy, that we should at all times, and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, mighty Creator, and eternal God. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with the whole company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and saying:

All **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Glory be to you, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he who comes in the Name of
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Minister

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in your tender mercy you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there, by his once and for all offering of himself, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. He instituted and in his holy gospel commands us to continue a perpetual memorial of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that we who receive this bread and wine according to your Son Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood.

On the night that Jesus was betrayed he took bread and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper, Jesus took the cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying:

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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

**Prayer of Humble
Access**

The Communion

Accept this, our sacrifice of praise and Thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ, our great high priest; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts, grant that by the power of your life-giving Spirit we may be made one in your holy Church and partakers of the body and blood of your Son, and that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not even worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord who delights in showing mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat this bread and to drink this wine, that our bodies and souls may be cleansed by Christ's body and blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

All

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.

Spiritual Communion

All

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all in heart, mind, soul, and strength. In the absence of receiving you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. In this moment, increase our faith and trust as we remember your words, 'Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe'. As though you have already come, I embrace you and ask never to be separated from you. Amen.

Prayers After Communion

Minister

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us of your favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, the blessed company of all faithful people, and heirs of your everlasting kingdom.

Hymn

All **And here we offer and present ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a holy and living sacrifice, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

Bishop **May the joy of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmas and forever more. And the blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always. Amen.**

Joy to the World

**Music license A725588 with OneLicense.net
Art by Stushie Art**

Clergy

The Rt Rev Andrew Asbil, Bishop of Toronto
416 363 6021

The Rt Rev Jenny Andison, Area Bishop of York-Credit Valley

The Most Rev Anne Germond, Metropolitan of the Province of Ontario

The Rev Mark Regis, Priest in Charge
mark@stmaryandstmartha.org
647 272 4574

The Rev Canon Dr Murray Henderson, Honorary Assistant
murray@stmaryandstmartha.org
416 259 1749 (h) and 647 884 8711 (c)

Matthew Waterman, Children/Youth Pastor & Digital Media Coordinator
matthew@stmaryandstmartha.org

Wardens

Sandra Lewis, People's Warden 416 241 4528

Carol Lewis, Rector's Warden

Shirley Radley, Deputy Warden

Kuinivia (Queenie) Seiloa, Deputy Warden 416 242 7650

The Board of Management

Robert Davies, Sam Gebrael, Hector Harris, Stu Hutcheson, Carol Lewis,
Sandra Lewis, Don McCamus, Rev Mark Regis, Peter Tovell

Parish Life Committee

Carol Lewis, Sandra Lewis, Shirley Radley, Kuinivia Seiloa, Ann Chambers-Smith,
Catherine Gardner, Hector Harris, Jackie Harris, Rochell Harry-Alexander, Dianne Izzard,
Ingrid Jones, Devon King, Lilian Leander, Deborah Scantlebury, Bev Sneyd, Fitzroy Thomas

Anglican Church of St Mary and St Martha

1149 Weston Road, Toronto, ON M6N 3S3

416 766 1887

Elizabeth Nelson, Parish Administrator - office@stmaryandstmartha.org

