



24 December 2021 10pm



Christmas Eve Mass

# Merry Christmas and Welcome!

We bid you a very warm welcome to our worship. For everyone's safety, please face forward at all times during the service. We acknowledge our presence is on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Peoples. Listening devices are available for the hearing impaired during the service; please contact one of our greeters.

Prelude      Variations sur In Dulci Jubilo      CH09      D. Bédard

Please rise as you are able to sing our opening Hymn No 123 (verses 1-2) in Common Praise. The first verse is sung by the soloist only.

Soloist  
All

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly  
2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and  
3 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en

cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a  
Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his  
stand - ing by, we shall see him, but in heav - en, set at

man - ger for his bed. Ma - ry was that  
cra - dle was a stall. With the poor and  
God's right hand on high, when, like stars, his



*We pause for the Blessing of the Crib*

*Priest* Welcome all wonders in one sight! Eternity shut in a span.  
 Summer in winter, day in night, heaven in earth and God in  
 humanity. Great little one, whose all-embracing birth brings  
 earth to heaven, stoops heaven to earth.

*The Priest places the Christ Child in the crib, and sprinkles the crib with Holy Water*

*Priest* Dear friends, as we meet to celebrate the birth of Christ,  
 let us pray that God will bless this crib that all who worship  
 his Son, born of the Virgin Mary, may come to share his life  
 in glory.

O God, on this night your Son Jesus Christ was born of the  
 Virgin Mary for us and for our salvation: + bless this crib,  
 which we have prepared to celebrate that holy birth; may  
 all who see it be strengthened in faith and receive the  
 fullness of life he came to bring, who is alive and reigns for  
 ever.

*All* **Amen.**

**3 Not in that poor lowly stable,  
 with the oxen standing by,  
 we shall see him, but in heaven,  
 set at God's right hand on high,  
 when, like stars, his children crowned  
 all in white shall gather round.**

*Priest* +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.**


*Priest* Let us pray.

*All* **Almighty God,  
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.**

*Please rise as you are able to sing Hymn No 365 in Common Praise*

1 Glo - ry to God on high, and peace to all on earth.  
2 Our Sav - iour, Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
3 You on - ly are the Lord. You on - ly are most high.

We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, our heaven - ly King.  
the sac - ri - fi - cial Lamb, who saves the world from sin,  
You on - ly are the ho - ly one, Lord Je - sus Christ.



We give you praise, al - might - y God and  
have mer - cy Lord. Be - side the Fa - ther's  
And now you reign with Fa - ther and with  
Fa - ther blessed in glo - ry bright.  
hand en - throned, now hear our prayer.  
Spir - it one in glo - rious light.

*Priest*  
*All*

Let us pray.  
**Eternal God**  
**who made this most holy night**  
**to shine with the brightness of your one true light:**  
**bring us,**  
**who know the revelation of that light on earth,**  
**to see the radiance of your heavenly glory;**  
**through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,**  
**who is alive and reigns with you,**  
**in the unity of the Holy Spirit,**  
**one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Please sit for a reading from Isaiah*

(Chapter 9.2-7)

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.  
You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you  
 as with joy at the harvest,  
 as people exult when dividing plunder.  
 For the yoke of their burden,  
 and the bar across their shoulders,  
 the rod of their oppressor,  
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.  
 For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
 and all the garments rolled in blood  
 shall be burned as fuel for the fire.  
 For a child has been born for us,  
 a son given to us;  
 authority rests upon his shoulders;  
 and he is named  
 Wonderful Counsellor, 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 onwards and for evermore.  
 The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader  
 All

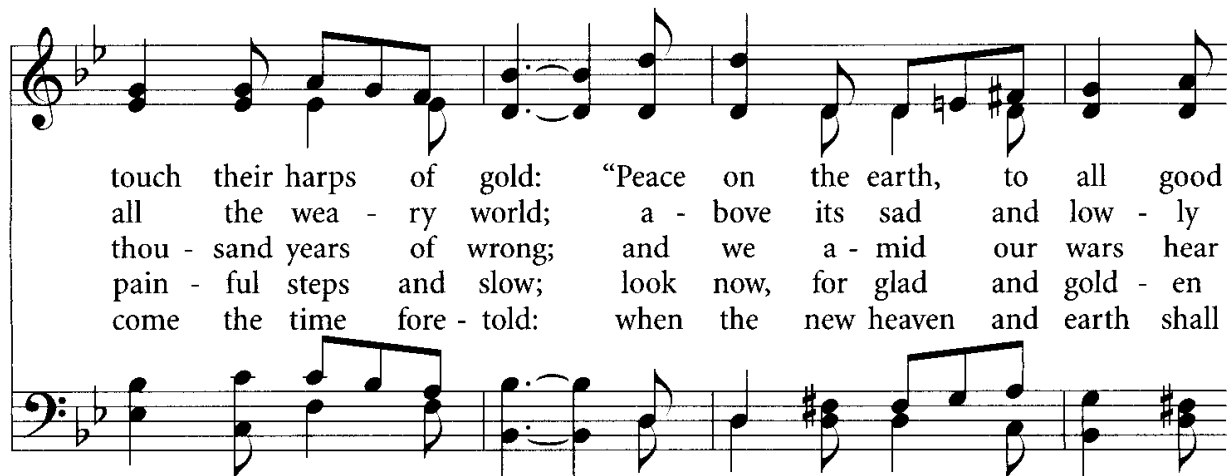
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise as you are able to sing Hymn No 140 in Common Praise.*

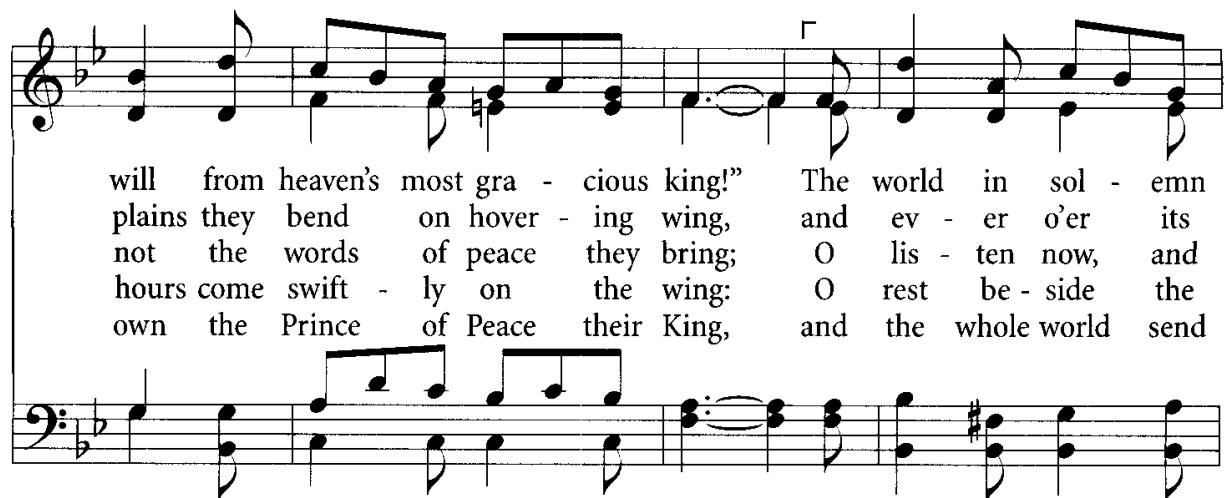
1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious  
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful  
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has  
 4 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are  
 5 For lo, the days are hast - ening on, by proph - ets



song of old, from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to  
 wings un - furled, and still their heaven - ly mus - ic floats o'er  
 suf - fered long; be - neath the an - gel - strain have rolled two  
 bend - ing low, who toil a - long the climb - ing way with  
 seen of old, when with the ev - er - circ - ling years shall



touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, to all good  
 all the wea - ry world; a - bove its sad and low - ly  
 thou - sand years of wrong; and we a - mid our wars hear  
 pain - ful steps and slow; look now, for glad and gold - en  
 come the time fore - told: when the new heaven and earth shall



will from heaven's most gra - cious king!" The world in sol - emn  
 plains they bend on hover - ing wing, and ev - er o'er its  
 not the words of peace they bring; O lis - ten now, and  
 hours come swift - ly on the wing; O rest be - side the  
 own the Prince of Peace their King, and the whole world send



still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
 Ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
 still your strife to hear the an - gels sing.  
 wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing.  
 back the song which now the an - gels sing.



*Please sit for a reading from the letter of Paul to Titus (Chapter 2.11-14)*

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

*Reader*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise as you are able to sing our Gradual hymn No 118*

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
2 God of God, Light of Light,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem:  
lo, he ab - hors not the vir - gin's womb;  
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove;  
leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh with low - ly fear;



*Refrain*

come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels;  
 ver - y God, be - got - ten not cre - a - ted: O  
 glo - ry to God in the high - est:  
 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;

come let us a - dore him, O come let us a - dore him, O

come let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

### *The Holy Gospel*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Deacon** The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory.

**All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Deacon** The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to St Luke (Chapter 2.1-14, 15-20)  
*All* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Deacon* In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph 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. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And 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.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,  
'Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

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.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were

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

*At the conclusion of the Gospel*

Deacon            The Gospel of Christ.  
All                **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**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**

Sermon           The Reverend Elizabeth Ruder-Celiz

*Please rise as you are able*

Priest            Let us confess our faith, as we say,  
All                **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.**

*Please remain standing or kneel for our prayers*

*At the conclusion of the Prayers of the People:*

*Intercessor*       Rejoicing in the fellowship of Mary the mother of Jesus, and  
St John the Beloved, our patron and all the saints we  
commend ourselves and all people to your unfailing love.  
Merciful Father:

*All*                **Accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son**  
**our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Confession and Absolution*

*Priest*            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*

*Priest*

*All*

Most merciful God,  
**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.**

*Priest*

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.

*All*

**Amen.**

*Please rise as you are able for the Peace*

*Priest*

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name  
shall be called the Prince of Peace. The Peace of the Lord  
be always with you.

*All*

**And also with you.**

*All may exchange a sign of God's peace*

We sing Hymn No 139

1 The first no - well the an - gel did say  
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star,  
 3 And by the light of that same star  
 4 This star drew nigh to the north - west;

was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay,  
 shin - ing in the east, be - yond them far;  
 three wise men came from coun - try far;  
 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,

in fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep  
 and to seek the for a king it gave great light,  
 and there it did both stop and stay,

on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.  
and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
and to fol - low the star where - ev - er it went.  
right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.

*Refrain*

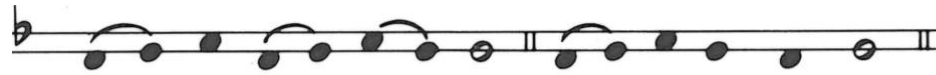
No - well, no - well, no - well, no - well,  
born is the King of Is - ra - el.




## Prayer over the gifts

*Priest* 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.

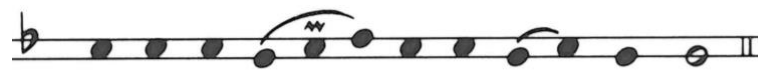
*All* **Amen.**




The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

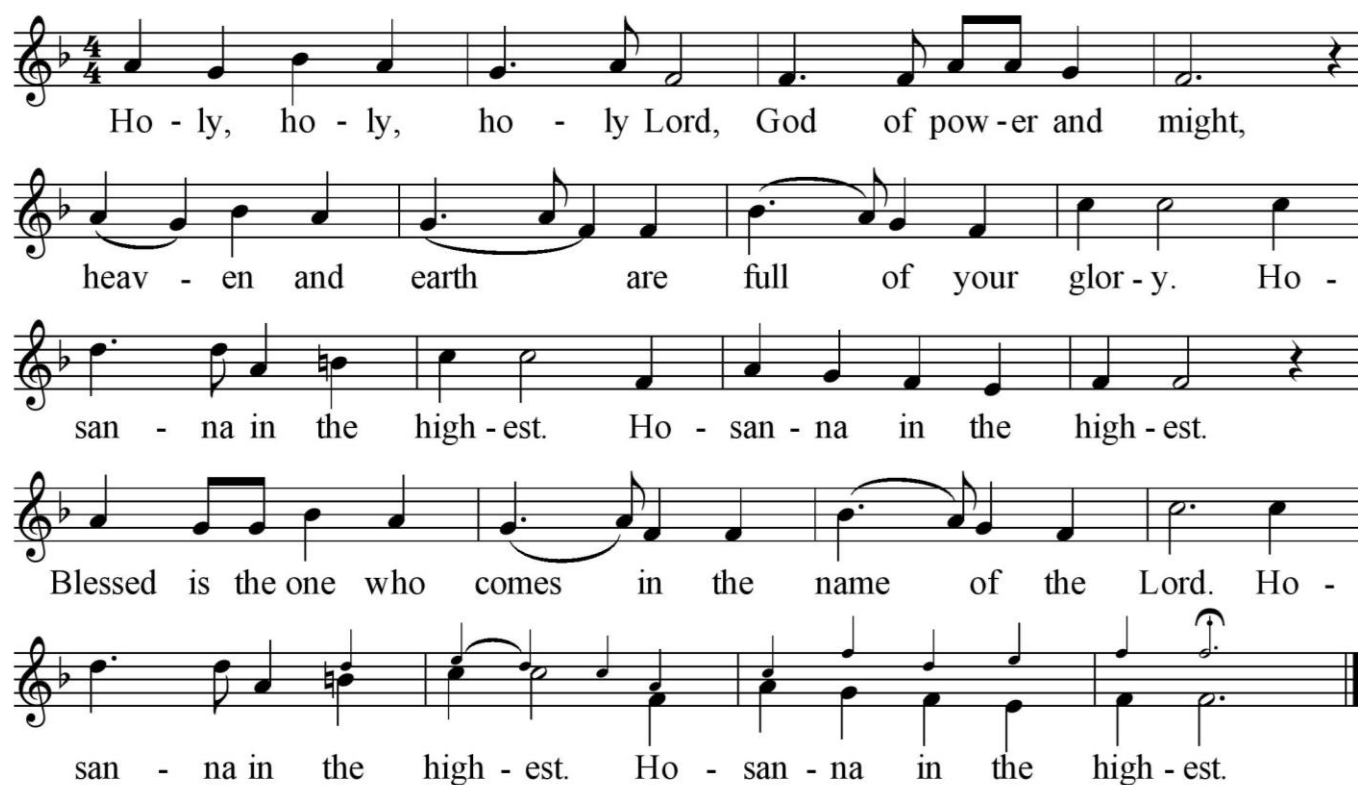


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Priest* 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.



*Priest*

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.”

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

*Priest* 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.

**All**                **Amen.**

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

**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.**

**Larghetto**

(org.)                      *mp*  
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

**REPEAT**                      **Descant**  
 world, have mer - cy on us.                      Lamb of God, you take a -

*pp*  
 way the sin of the world. Grant us peace.

Priest            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.**

Priest            The gifts of God for the people of God.

All                **Thanks be to God.**

*We invite all baptized Christians to receive Communion at our altar. If you wish to receive a blessing, please come at the same time. Wearing your mask, and sanitizing your hands, please come forward to the top of the main aisle, maintaining 2 metres distance from everyone. Communion of one kind (bread) will be given to you one at a time. Move to the side and consume the body of Christ, then return to your seat using the side aisles. Gluten free wafers are available.*

Communion Anthem      Whence is that Goodly Fragrance  
French carol arr. D Willcocks

*Candles will be lit for the singing of Communion Hymn No. 119*

Capo 1      A      E<sup>7</sup>

1 Si - lent night!      Ho - ly night!      All is calm,  
2 Si - lent night!      Ho - ly night!      Shep - herds quake  
3 Si - lent night!      Ho - ly night!      Son of God,

A      D      A

all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.  
at the sight: glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,  
love's pure light rad - iant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant so ten - der and mild, sleep in  
 heav - enly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia, Christ the  
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus,

heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 Sav - iour is born, Christ the Sav - iour is born.  
 Lord, at thy birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

*Please rise as you are able*

*Priest* Creator 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.

*All* **Amen.**

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

*Priest* May the joy of the angels,  
 The eagerness of the shepherds,  
 The perseverance of the Magi,

The obedience of Joseph and Mary,  
 And the peace of the Christ-child  
 Be yours this Christmas;  
 And the blessing of God Almighty,  
 (+) the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
 be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

All

*We sing our final hymn No. 154 in Common Praise*

1 Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the earth! The Sav - iour reigns: let us glad  
 3 No more let wrongs and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive the King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous -

room, and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and  
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the  
 flow far as our sin is found, far as our  
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders

and heaven and na - ture sing,





**Deacon** My friends, go and with the angels announce the Gospel of the Lord.

**All** **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** Variations sur In Dulci Jubilo CH09 D. Bédard

*St John's Shaughnessy would like to wish you all a blessed and holy Christmas season. Our Christmas Day Carol Service is tomorrow at 10:00am.*



Social Distancing  
Please keep  
one bishop-length apart.





The flowers on the Altar  
and the poinsettias throughout the sanctuary  
are given to the Glory of God  
and in Celebration of the Birth of the Christ Child

and in loving memory of my parents,  
**Rosemary (Jukes) Devlin** and **Charles “Chunky” Woodward**  
from Robyn Woodward

with Gratitude from Patricia Luk

with gratitude for our many blessings, and a wish for peace in this world.

The Potter Family

in heartfelt gratitude from Arden & Peter Kidd

in loving memory of our parents, Alice (Gefeller) and Reinhold Firus  
and Laura (Brodie) and Howard Smith, from Alex and Susan Firus

in loving memory of my husband, **Graeme**,  
and remembering family near and far, from Anne Copland

in loving memory of **Dr Charles & Mrs Ann Stewart; John & Carmen  
Belgrave; Gloria Diaz & Dr. John DM Belgrave**; and in thanksgiving  
for the birth of our grandson, **Jeremiah Laughlin Stewart**  
from Patrick & Joan Stewart

in thanksgiving for my SJS family from Karin Fulcher



in remembrance of parents **Tom and Gladys Rafter**  
from Cheryl Rafter

in memory of **Russell Cook**  
forever loved by Karen, Alex, Liam and Amelia

in memory and thanksgiving for family members  
from John & Jane Macintyre

in loving memory of **Pat and Peter Downes** from Judith, Justis and the family

in memory of their parents **Elsie & Kurt Zimmermann** and  
**Johanna Marie & Christian Rudersdorfer**  
from Reinhard and Beatrice Rudersdorfer

in remembrance of our family and friends at Christmas  
from Bev & Jim McPherson

in remembrance of my lovely Mum and Dad,  
**George and Eleanor Sanders**, and also my **Uncle Joe**  
from Maggie Sanders

In loving memory of **Don, Stephan, Pam** and **Bev** who are loved  
and missed every day, from Penni Stock

In gratitude for SJS and in loving memory of **Elizabeth Werbekes**,  
**Roland Kraemer, Jack** and **Mary Jane Ruder**, and **Gene Beswick**  
from Mother Liz and family

**Sunday in-person services** 8am and 10am (no 8am Dec 26)

**Sunday online service**

10am [Holy Eucharist live-stream](#)

**Wednesday online service**

8pm [Midweek Meditation](#)

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