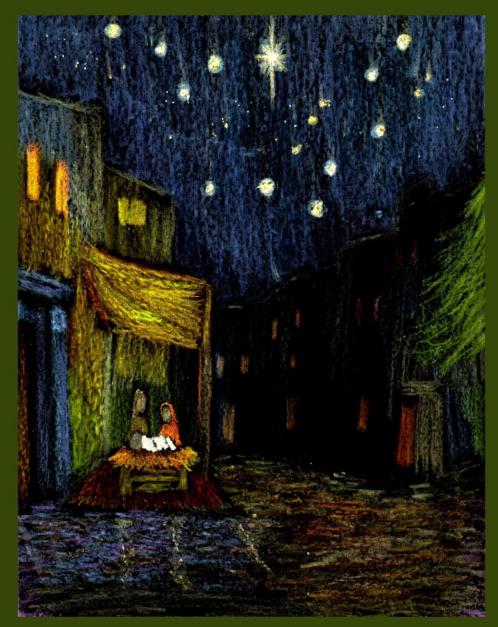


26 December 2021 10am



First Sunday after Christmas Lessons and Carols

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.

Please rise as you are able to sing our opening carol, No 121 in Common Praise





Introduction and Bidding Prayer for Christmas

Priest

My sisters and brothers in Christ, in this season when we celebrate the birth of Jesus, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the angels and go in heart and mind to Bethlehem to see the Son of God lying in a manger.

As we hear the reading of God's holy word, let us:

rejoice that the glory of the Lord has been revealed,

find comfort in the promise that the blind will see, the deaf hear, the lame dance, and the silent burst into song

find new hope in the promise that God is with us

join with Mary, the favoured handmaid, and offer ourselves in service to God's holy and saving purpose for the world

magnify the God of mercy who breaks the power of tyrants and exalts the humble

bless the name of the God of our salvation who brings the dawn of forgiveness and salvation to those who live in the shadow of death and despair

raise our voices with the messenger who announces good news of great joy to all people

As we mark once more the mystery of the Word made flesh, let us join with the song of angels and saints and make this place ring with our carols and hymns of praise.

But first, let us remember the poverty of the birth of the Prince of Peace, and pray for the poor, the cold, the hungry, and those among us who find that there is no room for them at the inn.

Let us remember the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt, and pray for the oppressed, refugees, the isolated, and those on the edges of our society.

Let us remember that the Lord of Glory experienced the pain of life and death, and pray for the sick, the anxious, the weary, and the bereaved.

And remembering the promise that he shall reign for ever and ever, let us pray for the rulers of the nations, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church, that we may be a sign that God's rule on earth has already begun.

With joy in our hearts, let us hear again the story of the birth of Christ, and join with Mary and Joseph, with shepherds and wise men, and with all our forebears in faith in offering our worship.

All **Amen.**

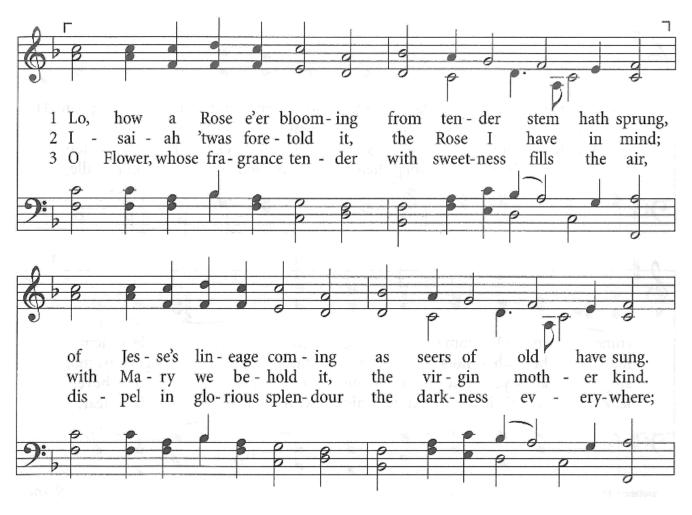
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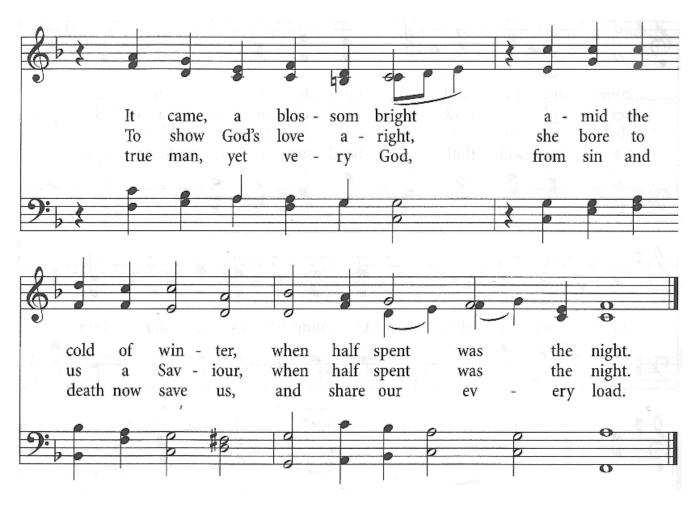


First reading

Reader Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

We sing Carol No 117





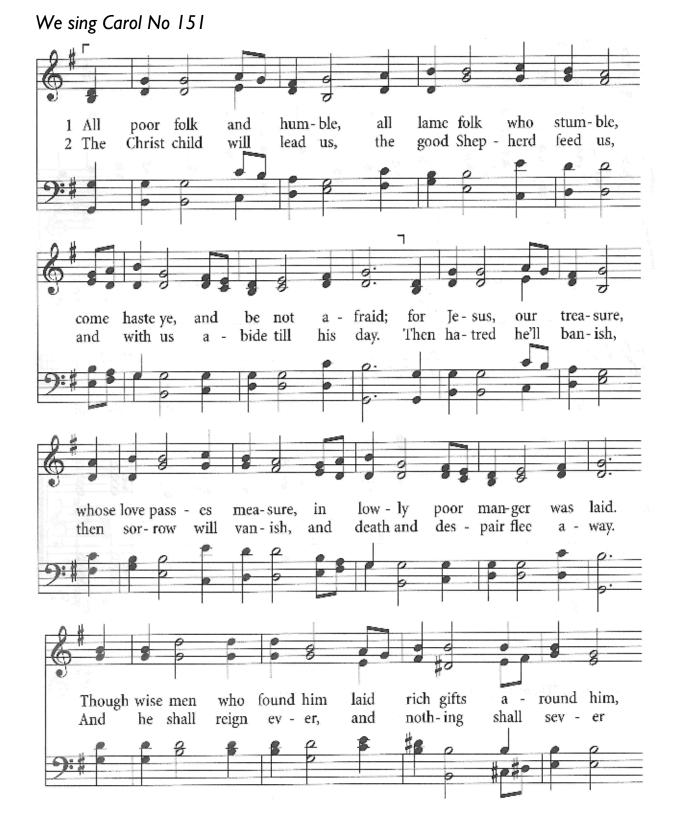
Second reading

Luke 1:26-38

Reader

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was loseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will

overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.



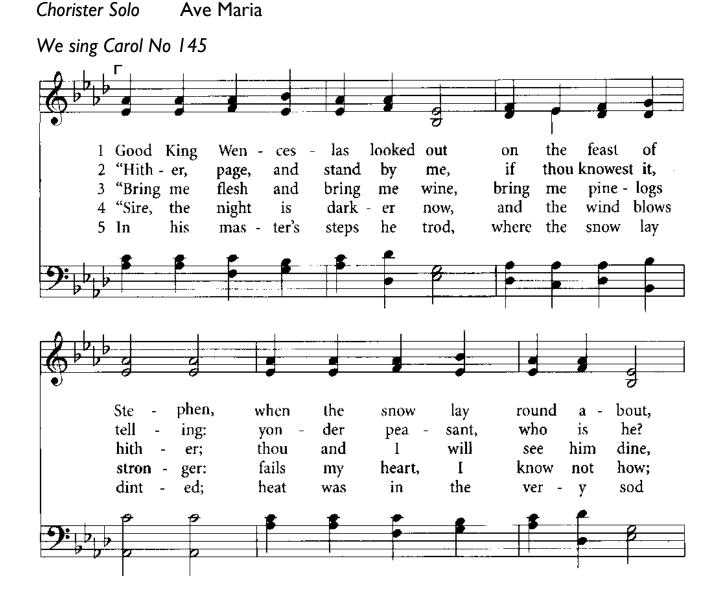


Luke I: 39-46

Reader In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

> And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord,

Third reading





Fourth reading

Reader 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, 'Clory to Cod in the highest between

'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.

Choir Carol Away in a Manger (Normandy in Carols for Choirs I)

1 Shep - herds the in field a - bid - ing, tell us, 2 We be held (it is ble), no fa -God in 3 Chor - is ters on high sing - ing were Je sus 4 Thanks, good shep - herds, true your sto ry; let us . . ٦ when the ser bright aph greet ed with you king car nate, bliss, of swathed and cra dled gin and his vir birth, heaven ly bells the Beth go to le hem. -An gels the hymn -68 0 won - drous ti - ding, what heard you that night. and saw in sta - ble, and а the an gel strain was this: while a - ring - ing, "Peace, good will to on earth." all glo - ry; king of car ol we with you and them.

We sing Carol No 135



Incarnation Litany

Priest (In joy and humility let us pray to the creator of the universe, saying, "Lord, grant us peace.")

By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel, hear us, O Lord.

All Lord, grant us peace.

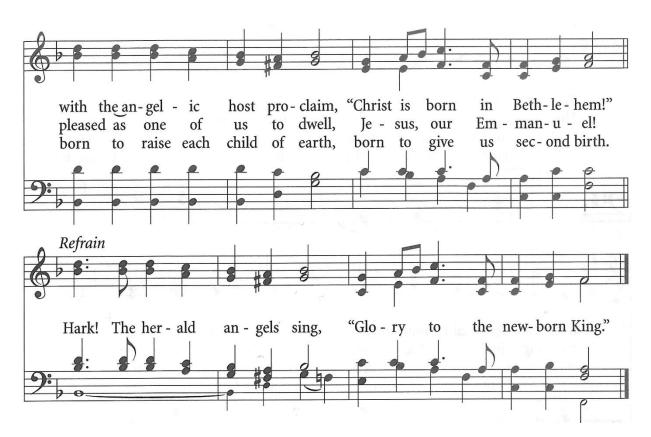
By the birth in time of your timeless Son, hear us, O Lord. Lord, grant us peace.			
By the manifestation of your radiant glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us, O Lord,			
Lord, grant us peace.			
By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, hear us, O Lord.			
Lord, grant us peace.			
By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O Lord.			
Lord, grant us peace.			
Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored our human nature. May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ, who humbled himself to share our humanity, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.			
Amen.			
Please rise as you are able for the Peace			

PriestThe peace of the Lord be always with you.AllAnd also with you.

Please exchange a sign of peace

We sing Carol No 138





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.

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All Amen.

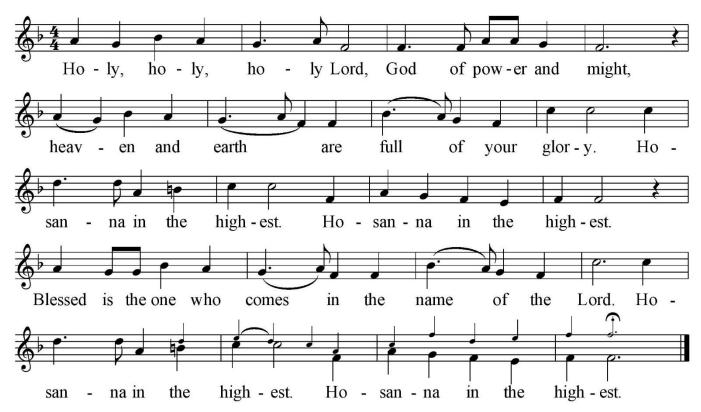
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

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.





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.
All	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.
Priest	With joy in our hearts, let us gather our prayers in the words our Saviour taught us.
AII	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.



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

Please rise as you are able

Priest	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.
All	Amen.

Priest Glory to God, All 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.

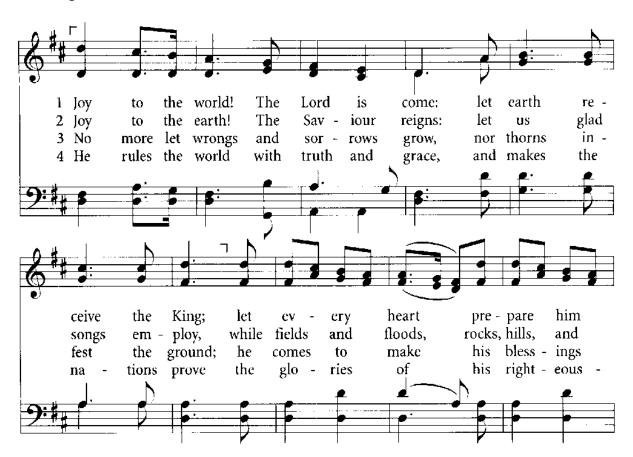
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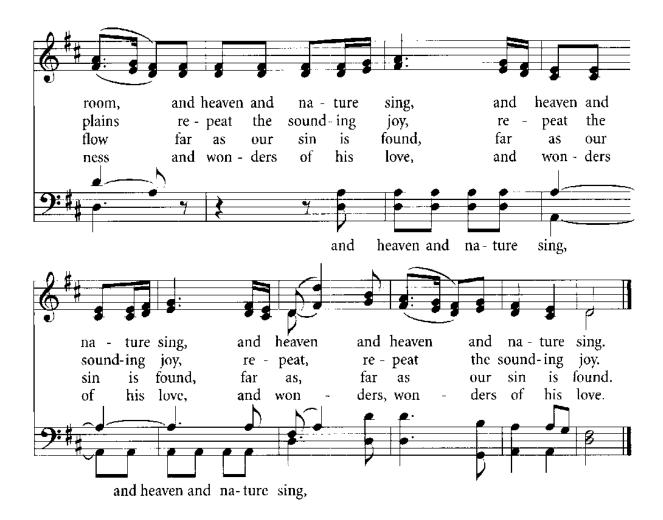
Please rise as you are able for the Blessing

May the joy of the angels, Priest 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.

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We sing our final Carol No 154







Social Distancing Please keep one bishop-length apart.



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

Sunday online service Wednesday online service

10am <u>Holy Eucharist live-stream</u> 8pm <u>Midweek Meditation</u>

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Children's Ministry	vacant			
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We want to hear from you!

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