



First Sunday after Christmas

St. Augustine Parkland Anglican Church
131 Church Road
Spruce Grove Alberta

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Service, December 26th, 2021

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Once in Royal David's City - CP 123 (Pre-Service Hymn)

Once in royal David's city, stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for His bed.
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven, Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable, and His cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly, lived on earth our saviour holy.

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 while shall gather round.

Angels From the Realms of Glory - CP 143

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
you who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light:

Sages leave your contemplations - Brighter visions beam afar
Seek the great Desire of Nations - You have seen His natal star

Saints before the altar bending - Watching long in hope and fear
Suddenly the Lord, descending, In His temple shall appear

Though an Infant now we view Him, He shall fill the eternal throne,
Gather all the nations to Him; Every knee shall then bow down:

The Gathering of the Community

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

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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Please join me in today's Collect,
All: **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

A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. 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. 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. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 148I - Let the Whole Creation Cry

Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the God on high."
Heaven and earth, awake and sing, "God is our eternal King."
Praise God, all ye hosts above, ever shining forth in love,
sun and moon, uplift your voice; night and stars in God rejoice!

Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem manifold;
join with children's song of praise, worship God through length of days.
From the north to southern pole let the mighty chorus roll;
"holy, holy, holy One, glory be to God alone."

Second Reading

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE COLOSSIANS

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. 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. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. 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. 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Love Came Down at Christmas - CP 131

Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine;
love was born at Christmas, star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead, love incarnate, love divine;
worship we our Jesus what shall be our sacred sign?

Love shall be our token, love be yours and love be mine;
love to God and neighbour, love for prayer and gift and sign.

Gospel

Reader THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

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

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. 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. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. 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." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

Celebrant 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.

**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.**

The Prayers of the People (Paula)

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant invites people to confession in these are similar words

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.

The officiant and people say together,

**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.**

Celebrant says,

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness;
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you!

People: **And also with you.**

Come and Journey with a Saviour - CP 482

Come and journey with a Saviour - who has called us from our birth,
who has washed us in the waters, - and who loved us on the earth.

Refrain

Come and journey, come and journey with a Saviour who has come.
We are all God's sons and daughters; in the Spirit we are one.

Come and journey, journey inward, - come and seek him deep within,
where he meets us in our living, - in our striving and our sin.

Come and journey, journey outward, - telling others of his name,
telling others of his glory, - of his cross and of the shame.

Come and journey, journey outward, - where that cross calls us to care,
where injustice and where hunger - and the poor call us to share.

Come and journey, journey upward. - Sing his praises, offer prayer.
In the storm and in the stillness - find his presence everywhere.

Come and journey, journey onward; - all our gifts we now shall bring
to the building of a city - that is holy, Christ its King.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: Please join me in the prayer over the gifts,

All: **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

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; in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in the fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us, and together with them receive the crown of glory that never fades away. Therefore with angel and archangels and with all who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name,

All **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.

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 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,

**All: 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,

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

People **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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

People **So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

The Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Of Eternal Love Begotten - CP 132

Of eternal love begotten, - ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega, - he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been, - and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore.

At his Word the worlds were framed. - He commanded, it was done:
heaven and earth and depths of ocean, - in their threefold order one;
all that grows beneath the shining, - of the moon and burning sun,
evermore and evermore.

O that birth for ever blessed, - when the virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving, - bare the Saviour of our race,
and the babe, the world's redeemer, - first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore.

This is he whom seers in old time - chanted of with one accord,
whom the voices of the prophets - promised in their faithful word;
now he shines, the long-expected; - let creation praise its Lord,
evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heaven adore him; - angel hosts, his praises sing;
all dominions bow before him, - and extol our God and king;
let no tongue on earth be silent, - every voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore.

Christ, to thee, with God the Father, - and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, - and unwearied praises be,
honour, glory, and dominion, - and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Please join with me in the prayer after communion.

All: 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.

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.

The Blessing

All Creatures of Our God and King - CP 355

All creatures of our God and King, - lift up your voices, let us sing:
alleluia, alleluia!

Bright burning sun and golden beams, - pale silver moon that gently gleams,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Great rushing winds and breezes soft, - you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
O sing now, alleluia! - Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,
stars nightly shining, find a voice: - alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

Swift flowing water, pure and clear, - make music for your Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!

Fire, so intense and fiercely bright, - you give to us both warmth and light,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless, - and worship God in humbleness,
alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise God the Father, praise the Son, - and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- We pray for Metropolitan Greg, Primate Linda, and Bishop Stephen. We also pray for our clergy, Father Neil, Rev. John and Rev. Lesley.
- We pray for the Diocese of Western Newfoundland: the Rt. Rev. John Organ, Bishop. Holy Trinity, Edmonton: Danielle Key, Rector; Allan Bonertz, Penny Bruce and Robin Walker, Honorary Assistants; RJ Chambers, Arts Administrator; Janette Chambers, Office Administrator. Chaplain at Buyé High School: Audace Kwizera. Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation.
- in the world Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America.
- We pray for the sick, the bereaved and those with special needs, especially remembering Linda & Joe, Bill, George & Doreen, Margaret, Stephen, Bud, Vicki, Maxine, and Lauren.
- In our own parish this week, we pray for Lenora, Joan, Holly, Sheila, Lesley and Charlie; and their families.