

# ST. MATTHEW'S

The Anglican Church in the Glebe

Nativity of our Lord  
Candlelight Service



December 24, 2025, 10pm

**The Christmas Flowers are given to the Glory of God and**

**In Loving Memory of:**

Lynda Cochrane and Lois Boston from their family

Loving mum Jean Lipinski and grandmother Freda Shepherd, from Julia

My parents, Donalda and David Crawley, from Susan Rayner

Shirley Wetmore from her family

Margery and Leslie Dunbar from their loving daughter Janet O'Meara

Loving grandmother Marion James from her grand-daughter Catherine

**And for:**

For a blessed and beautiful Christmas Season, from the Glen Family

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Service Setting: Messe de minuit pour Noël

*Marc-Antoine Charpentier*

**Prelude:** Noel VI

*L. C. Daquin*

**Processional Hymn:** 118 O Come, All Ye Faithful

*Adeste fideles*

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*Our liturgy is taken from the green Book of Alternative Services, beginning on page 185,  
and our hymnody is taken from the blue Common Praise hymnal.*

*Celebrant* We worship this morning upon the traditional and unceded territory of the  
Algonquin Anishnaabeg people.

*All* **May we live upon this land in peace, truth and love.**

*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,  
*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**

*Iris*

**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* 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.

*People*

**Amen.**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading:** Isaiah 52: 7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,  
who brings good news,  
who announces salvation,  
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."  
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices;  
together they shout for joy,  
for in plain sight they see  
the return of the LORD to Zion.  
Break forth; shout together for joy,  
you ruins of Jerusalem,  
for the LORD has comforted his people;  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.  
The LORD has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations,  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

### **Psalm 96**

*S. Wesley*

### **Second Reading:** Hebrews 1: 1-4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

### **Gradual Anthem:** 137 What Child Is This

*Greensleeves*

### **Gospel Alleluia:** 709

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*

*All stand for the Gospel.*

*Reader*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**

*Reader*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **The Holy Gospel:** John 1: 1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

**Sermon:** The Reverend Geoff Chapman

## **The Nicene Creed**

*Celebrant*    Let us confess the faith of our baptism, 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.

## **Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; all are welcome and invited to God's table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept*

*Celebrant* 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 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* 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.  
*People* **Amen.**

## The Peace

*All stand, and the presiding celebrant addresses the people.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

**Offertory Hymn:** 148 See Amid the Winter's Snow

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## The Prayer over the Gifts

*Celebrant* 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.  
*People* **Amen**

**The Great Thanksgiving:** 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;  
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.

*Choir* Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*Charpentier*

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
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,  
**we remember his death,**  
**we proclaim his resurrection,**  
**we await his coming in glory;**

*All*

*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, now and for ever.

*People*      **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer** 744

*Rimsky-Korsakov*

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant*      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.**

## **The Communion**

*The celebrant invites the people to share in communion and may say,*

*Celebrant*      The gifts of God for the People of God.

*People*          **Thanks be to God.**

## **Agnus Dei**

*Charpentier*

Choir            Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace.

**Anthem:** O Magnum mysterium.  
In the bleak mid-winter  
There is No Rose

*Victoria  
H. Darke  
P. Stopford*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant*      Father 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.

*People*          **Amen.**

*Celebrant*      Glory to God,  
*All*                **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.**

*Celebrant*     The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and  
minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our  
Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the  
Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn:** 138 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*Mendelssohn*

## **Dismissal**

*Celebrant*     This service has ended, but your service has just begun.  
Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

*People*        **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude:** Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella

*arr. K. Chapman*

## **Worship Leaders and Volunteers**

Celebrant: The Reverend Geoffrey Chapman

Greeters: Success Kehinde and Sue Rayner

Sidesperson:

Servers: Rick Trites, Julia Adjogble, Owen Farrelly and Leslie Jones

Readers: Cathy Simons and Elizabeth MacMillan

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