

ST. MATTHEW'S

The Anglican Church in the Glebe

Christmas Day



December 25, 2025

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: Addington

Shephard

Prelude: Pastorale ‘Gesù Bambino’

Pietro Yon

Processional Hymn: 138 Hark the Herald

Mendelssohn

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We worship this morning upon the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg people. **May we live upon this land in peace, truth and love.**

*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.*

Gloria

Shephard

Collect of the Day

O God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem, may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 62: 6-12

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem,
I have posted sentinels;
all day and all night
they shall never be silent.
You who remind the LORD,
take no rest,
and give him no rest
until he establishes Jerusalem
and makes it renowned throughout the earth.
The LORD has sworn by his right hand
and by his mighty arm:

I will not again give your grain
 to be food for your enemies,
 and foreigners shall not drink the wine
 for which you have labored,
 but those who harvest it shall eat it
 and praise the LORD,
 and those who gather it shall drink it
 in my holy courts.
 Go through, go through the gates;
 prepare the way for the people;
 build up, build up the highway;
 clear it of stones;
 lift up an ensign over the peoples.
 The LORD has proclaimed
 to the end of the earth:
 Say to daughter Zion,
 “Look, your savior comes;
 his reward is with him
 and his recompense before him.”
 They shall be called, “The Holy People,
 The Redeemed of the LORD,”
 and you shall be called, “Sought Out,
 A City Not Forsaken.”

Psalm 98

G. Johnston

Second Reading: Titus 3: 4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not
 because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the
 water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through
 Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs
 according to the hope of eternal life.

Gradual Anthem: 125 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Polish Carol

Gospel Acclamation: 711

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 Holy Gospel: Luke 2: 8-20

Now in that same 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 Savior, 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 favors!”

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, and 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, just as it had been told them.

Sermon: The Reverend Katie Tait

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: 136 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Winchester Old

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The Prayer over the Gifts

Generous Creator, in faith and joy we celebrate the birth of your Son. Increase our understanding and our love of the riches you have revealed in him, who is Lord now and for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 3

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Sanctus and Benedictus

Shephard

The Lord's Prayer 744

Rimsky-Korsakov

The Breaking of the Bread

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The Communion

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Agnus Dei

Shephard

Communion Hymn: 76 Thee We Adore, O Hidden Saviour, Thee

Adoro Te

Solo: What Child Is This

Greensleeves

Prayer after Communion

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.

The Blessing

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Announcements

Recessional Hymn: 154 Joy to the World

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Dismissal

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Postlude: Toccata sur "Il est Ne"

D. Bedard

We thank Michael Zappavigna for singing this Christmas morning.

Worship Leaders & Volunteers

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Katie Tait

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