

**We Welcome You to the Day of our Lord,
December 27 2020**



*God's love was revealed among us in this way:
God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. (1 John 4:9)*

**The Sunday after Christmas
St. John the Apostle & Evangelist**

We welcome you and invite you to join in our worship online.

You can call in to the service by telephone:

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(Please wear your mask throughout the service, refrain from singing and speak softly.)

ORGAN PRELUDE

GREETING:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY:

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; though Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORY TO GOD:

Glory to God in the highest,
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 FOR ST JOHN THE APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST:

Merciful Lord, cast your bright beams of light upon the Church: that, being enlightened by the teaching of your blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John, we may so walk in the light of your truth that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ your incarnate Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS:

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again in him and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; 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.

THE WORD OF GOD

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING ISAIAH 61: 10-62: 3

Read by John Heighton.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,

and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.
The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. (ESV)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: #93

**The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.
Your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.**

**The floods have lifted up, O LORD,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.
Mightier than the thunders of many waters,
mightier than the waves of the sea,
the LORD on high is mighty! *Alleluia! Alleluia!***

**Your decrees are very trustworthy;
holiness befits your house,
O LORD, forevermore. *Alleluia!* (ESV)**

THE SECOND READING:

1 JOHN 1: 1-5

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

(ESV)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ORGAN GRADUAL

THE HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 1: 18-25

(Please stand)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus. (ESV)

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

ORGAN GRADUAL

THE NICENE CREED:

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, creator 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.

INTERCESSIONS:

(Please be seated)

Led by Claire Olorenshaw.

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION:

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sin.

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.

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. **Amen.**

THE PEACE:

(Please stand)

Jesus says, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives.' The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Blessed are you, LORD God of Israel, forever and ever. All that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own have we given you.

(1 Chron. 29:10, 11, 14)

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth. We give you thanks for the grace and truth shown forth in John, your evangelist and apostle; by the light of Christ's appearing we behold your glory and are born again to life eternal. Therefore with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your Name.

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.

(Please be seated)

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;**

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. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us

from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD:

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

The gifts of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

AGNES DEI (LAMB OF GOD)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

*If you would like to receive Communion, please 1) **wait for the usher** and follow his/her direction. 2) **Come forward and stop at the blue line.** If you require a gluten-free wafer, please indicate this to the priest by patting your stomach. Wait for the priest to say, ‘The*

*Body of Christ...’ 3) **Then step forward**, cup your hands, and extend your arms. **The priest will place a wafer in your hands** using tongs. 4) **Then move to your left and stand on the blue cross.** While facing forward, pull your mask to the side and **eat the wafer.** 5) **Put your mask on again and immediately sanitize your hands** before returning to your pew.*

If you prefer a blessing instead of the bread, please cross your arms over your chest while standing at the blue line.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that the Word made flesh proclaimed by your apostle John may, by the celebration of these holy mysteries, ever abide and live within us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(Please stand)

Glory to God, 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:

Grace from the eternal Father be with you;
grace from the Word made flesh be with you;
grace from the Spirit of truth be with you;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DISMISSAL:

This is the message we have heard,
the message we proclaim:
that God is light.

In him there is no darkness at all.

If we walk in the light

as he is in the light,

we have fellowship with one another,

and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.

Amen.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

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Our Deanery: Rev. Nadine Nichols and the people of Augsburg Lutheran, Brampton

Our Parish: Pam McKinnon, Hazel Morrison, Bill & Sandra Morrison and their families.

The World: including schools and public health authorities.



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