

THE PARISH OF CAMPBELLFORD,  
HASTINGS AND ROSENEATH



CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN  
EVE OF CHRISTMAS  
DECEMBER 24TH, 2022 ~ 7:00PM

## We Gather As God's People

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 123 ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY IRBY

*Celebrant* 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*

**WELCOME: If you are visiting us - Welcome!  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*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.

*Reader* The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shone. *Isaiah 9.2*

*The Christ candle is lit.*

*Reader* The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. *(John 1.9)*

*All* And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory as of a father's only Son, full of grace and truth. *(John 1.14)*

*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**

(Please Stand)

**All 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 OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* Eternal God,

**All 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. Amen.**

## **We Listen To God's Word**

**Reader** A reading from the book of **Isaiah**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be

burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

**Reader** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All** **Thanks be to God.**

**Reader** A reading of **Psalm 96**

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

**Sing to the Lord and bless his name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**

Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples.

**For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods.**

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

**Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!**

**Oh, the power and the splendour of his sanctuary!**

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the Lord honour and power.

**Ascribe to the Lord the honour due his name; bring offerings and come into his courts.**

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.

**Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is king! he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."**

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the

sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, when he comes to judge the earth.**

He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.

**We worship you, God of glory, in the beauty of holiness, and we joyfully proclaim your just and righteous rule, established for all, through your Son Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

**Reader** A reading from the letter of Paul to **Titus**

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

**Reader** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**All** **Thanks be to God.**

## **G**RADUAL HYMN # 136 WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS

WINCHESTER OLD

(VS 1-3 before the Gospel and VS 4 - 6 after the Gospel)

## **+ THE GOSPEL**

**Gospeller** The Lord be with you,                   (*Please stand*)  
**People** and also with you.

**Gospeller** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to: **Luke**

**People** **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** (*sung*)

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, '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.

*Gospeller* The Gospel of Christ  
*People* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. (*sung*)

**+ SERMON** Rev. Bryce Sangster

**ANTHEM** BRING A TORCH  
ON THIS DAY EARTH SHALL RING

**+ THE APOSTLES' CREED** *(Please stand)*

*Celebrant* Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All** 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.

## We Respond To God's Word

### + PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Intercessor* Let us pray.

*(Kneeling or sitting as you are able)*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*People* Christ, have mercy upon us.

*Intercessor* Lord, have mercy upon us.

My sisters and brothers in the peace of God, all the gifts we shall give and receive in these days are but small tokens of the gift that shines forth in God's word made flesh this night. From grateful hearts let us intercede for all who find themselves longing for this deepest, truest gift, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

That the peace proclaimed by angels in the shepherds' field might be realized on every field of war and on every street of violence, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* That the child born to us might find in our hearts warm welcome by our openness to the needs of the homeless and the hungry, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* That in this time of gift-giving we might become more responsive to the abandoned, the despairing, and the mourning, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* That the rejoicing of this day might be a bond leading us to true communion of life and worship, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* That the joy and consolation of the Wonderful Counselor might enliven all who are struck down by disease and illness especially Anne-Marie, Brian, Caroline, Connie, Drew P., Francois, Jennifer, Karen, Laura, Marie-Eve, Mike, Ottley, Susan, and Vanessa, let us pray to the Lord.

**People**      **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Today in our Anglican Cycle of prayer we pray for, Christ Church, Brampton, its support of local outreach ministries, including Regeneration, Knights' Table, Coldest Night of the Year, and the Ste. Louise Outreach Centre; for Christ Church, Deer Park, its support of the Churches-on-the-Hill Food Bank, its refugee sponsorships, Saturday morning breakfast program, Let Your Lights Shine outreach donation program, and the Deer Park Skills Institute in Uganda; and for Christ Church, Holland Landing, its community lunch, Christmas meal at the local seniors' centre, support of the Helping Hand food bank, Inn From the Cold, meal and snack programs at local schools, Crosslinks, Women's Shelter of York Region, and other local agencies, let us pray to the Lord.

**People**      **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* In our own Deanery of Peterborough we pray for, Retired Clergy: Rev. Cathy Stone, Rev. Bev Thompson and Rev. Douglas Woods, let us pray to the Lord.

**People**      **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* In this Community of Campbellford we offer our prayers for Glad Tidings's Pentecostal Church, let us pray to the Lord.

**People**      **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* That the blessed hope we celebrate this night might be the fulfillment of all who have gone before us in faith, let us pray to the Lord.

**People**      **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**God of darkness and silence, you have pierced the quiet of this night by the utterance of your word in our flesh. May our words of praise and petition be strong echoes of your Christmas word, so that all might come to the peace you promise in Jesus, who is Lord and God this night and for ever. Amen.**

### **+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*Celebrant* 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....*

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.

**All**      **Amen.**

## **† THE PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you,  
*All* and also with you.

(Please Stand)

## **O FFERTORY HYMN # 140**

**IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR** CAROL

## **† PRESENTATION OF THE ELEMENTS**

### **† PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

*Celebrant* Source of light and gladness,  
*All* 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. Amen.

## We Celebrate At God's Table

### **† EUCHARISTIC PRAYER #2**

*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* We give you thanks and praise, Almighty  
God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour  
and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you  
have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the  
Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and  
died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and  
Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in  
suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in  
you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up  
his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil  
and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair.  
By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your  
presence.

Now with all creation 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.*

(Sung)

*Celebrant* Holy and gracious God, accept our praise,  
through your son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the  
night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread  
and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my  
body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the  
cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When  
you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we  
offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you  
have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve  
you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering  
of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these  
sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and  
confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may  
praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus  
Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with

the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

**People** Amen.

### † THE LORD'S PRAYER

(said)

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

**All** 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.

### † BREAKING OF THE BREAD # 6

*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.

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

**All** Thanks be to God.

### † THE COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you would like to come to the altar to receive a blessing only, simply cross your arms at the rail.*

### † COMMUNION HYMNS

LO HOW A ROSE

REMEMBER O THOU MAN

WITHER'S ROCKING HYMN



### † PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant* Father of all,

**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. 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.

### † THE BLESSING

### † BENEDICTION HYMN

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious be gracious unto you  
The Lord lift His countenance upon you  
And give you peace. Amen.

### R ECESSONAL HYMN # 119

SILENT NIGHT STILLE NACHT

### HYMN # 154

JOY TO THE WORLD ANTIOCH



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**Today's Readers are:**

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1st Lesson OT	Marlene Dooher
Psalm	Lillian Adams
2nd Lesson	Neil Fulton
Gospel	Rev. Bryce Sangster
Prayers	Shelli Jeffs

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**Next Sunday's Readers January 1st, 2023**

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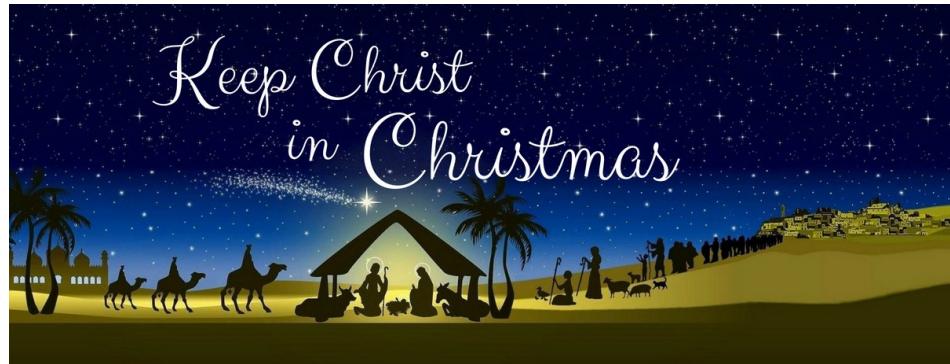
1st Lesson OT	Piet Goemans
Psalm	Alden Mitchell
2nd Lesson	Ann Chambers
Gospel	Rev. Bryce Sangster
Prayers	Nancy DeKuyper

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*Flowers are given by:  
Marylin Bonnema for her Mother  
Ruth White  
Jim & Sharon Peeling in memory of loved ones.*

**Your 2023 Offering Envelopes are in Jenkins Hall for your pick-up. Envelope Secretary Meghan Valentine.**

**Please note that the Christ Church Office will be closed on December 26, 27, 28 and 29 January 2 and 3**



**Next Sunday Service January 1st, 2023 ~ Rev. Bryce Sangster  
Epiphany of the Lord ~ Holy Communion**

**Readings**

**ISAIAH 60:1-6    PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14    EPHESIANS 3:1-12**

**MATTHEW 2:1-12**

*Bible readings are taken from The New Revised Standard Version.*

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