

THE PARISH OF CAMPBELLFORD,
HASTINGS AND ROSENEATH

CHRIST CHURCH, ANGLICAN



DECEMBER 28TH, 2025 10:00AM
1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

We acknowledge that we are in the traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabe (awn-ish-in-aw-bay), adjacent to the territory of the Haudenosaunee (ho-den-oh-show-nee), Chippewa, and Cree, on whose land and by whose waters we gather to worship in the name of our Creator, the Holy One of Blessing. May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

If you are visiting us - welcome!

We Gather As God's People

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #145
GOOD KING WENCESLAS

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**

(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 Loving God,

All 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.

We Listen To God's Word

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

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us, and the great favour to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and he became their saviour in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. ISAIAH 63:7-9

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All Thanks be to God.

Reader A reading of **Psalms 148**

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord; for he commanded, and they were created.

He made them stand fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will;

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

Young men and maidens, old and young together.

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name only is exalted, his splendour is over earth and heaven.

He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

† THE PSALM PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, creator of heaven and earth; you open our eyes to see the wonders around us, and our hearts and mouths to praise you. Now give us strength for loving service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reader A reading of the letter to the **Hebrews**

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me."

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested. HEBREWS 2:10-18

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All **Thanks be to God.**

G **RADUAL HYMN #580**
IN BETHLEHEM A NEWBORN BOY
(VS 1 - 3 before the Gospel and VS 4 - 5 after the Gospel)

† **THE GOSPEL**

Gospeller The Lord be with you,
People **and also with you.**



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

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

Gospeller Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the

child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazorean.' MATTHEW 2:13-23

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

† **SERMON** Rev. Canon Richard Miller

A moment of quiet reflection

† **ANTHEM** **PUER NATUS**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

† AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Based on Psalm 63)

(Please stand)

Celebrant Let us confess our faith saying,

All O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you. My soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you. Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory. For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise. So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name. My soul is content and my mouth praises you with joyful lips. You have been my helper and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. Amen.

† PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor Let us pray.

(You may stand, sit or kneel for prayer as you are comfortable.)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

People Christ, have mercy upon us.

Intercessor Lord, have mercy upon us.

Intercessor God has clothed all things with mercy and prepared the earth as for a wedding by taking on our flesh in Christ. Trusting in that mercy, let our prayers join the festival, saying: O God, mighty God, merciful God, hear our prayer.

Intercessor For the churches, that this assembly and all assemblies may be cradles for the word of Christ, filled

with harmony and witnessing with thanksgiving, O God, mighty God, merciful God,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor For the bishops and all the leaders of the church, that in word and deed they may show forth the love and pity with which you clothe creation and all its peoples, O God, mighty God, merciful God,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor For refugees and for those who experience a pitiless world, that you may bring them to places of safety they may call home, O God, mighty God, merciful God,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor For all families, that their common life may be marked by mutual honour, respect, and forgiveness, and that homes may become places of hospitality to the stranger, O God, mighty God, merciful God,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor For the victims of family violence, that you quickly bring relief, justice, and healing, O God, mighty God, merciful God,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor For the earth which you honoured in the incarnation of your Son, and for us creatures, that a spirit of joy in its goodness and care for its future may be poured out upon us all, O God, mighty God, merciful God,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor For comfort for all those in any need; for health for the sick and food for the hungry; for Baby Oliver, Barb, Barry, Caroline, Chris, Connie, Dan, Doris, Françoise, Glen, Isobel, Jennifer, Jerry, Kat, Larry, Lew, Lillian, Marie-Eve, Mary, Mike, Ottley, Ross, William and for those known only to you, O God, mighty God, merciful God,

People 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, O God, mighty God, merciful God,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor In this Community of Campbellford we offer our prayers for Campbellford Baptist Church, O God, mighty God, merciful God,

People hear our prayer.

Rejoicing with all the saints, with Mary and Joseph, with Stephen, John, and all the Holy Innocents, we commend these prayers and all our life to you, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy. God welcomes sinners and invites us to this 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**

(Please Stand)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN #153
GOOD CHRISTIANS ALL, REJOICE

† PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant God of light,

**All 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.**

We Celebrate At God's Table

† 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, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of salvation in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Now with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All *(Sung)*

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.



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, loving God, 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 your 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 your Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children through our Lord Jesus, your Christ, 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.

All Amen.

† THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant As Jesus taught us, let us pray,

All Abba, Amma, Beloved, your name be hallowed, your reign spread among us, your will be done well, at all times, in all places, on earth as in heaven.

Give us the bread we need for today. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Let us not fail in the time of our testing. Spare us from trials too sharp to endure. Free us from the grip of all evil powers.

For yours is the reign, the power and the glory, the victory of love, for now and eternity, world without end. Amen.

† THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me shall never be hungry."

All "And whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

Celebrant So, in faith, come to this table, you who have been to this sacrament often and you who have not been for a long time; you who easily follow Jesus and you who struggle to do so. Come, for it is the Christ who invites us all to meet him here.

These are 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 receive a blessing rather than the bread and wine of the Eucharist please cross your arms over your chest.



† COMMUNION HYMNS

#125 INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY

#130 BORN IN THE NIGHT

† PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Source of truth and joy,

All 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,

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 ASSURANCE OF GOD'S BLESSING**

Celebrant The blessing of God; the Creator, who made and knows us, the Christ, who loves and befriends us and the Spirit, who enlightens and sustains us, is with us all today and always.

People Amen.

† **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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESIONAL HYMN #160
AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD

~ Dismissal ~



We welcome The Rev. Canon Joan Cavanaugh-Clark next Sunday January 4th, as our guest celebrant and preacher.

Next Sunday, January 4th, 2026 ~ Epiphany of the Lord
Christ Church 9am, St. James 11am, Holy Communion
The Rev. Canon Joan Cavanaugh-Clark
St. George 11am Morning Prayer, Brennan Scanlon
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.

Memorial Flowers:

Anyone wishing to order memorial/dedication flowers for the altar please contact Shelli Jeffs at 905-242-1358

**Christ Church Office Hours: 9:00am - 3:00pm, Tuesday-Friday
Closed between 12:00 - 1:00pm**

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