



St. Timothy's Anglican Church, Agincourt
December 24, 2025 - 4:30 pm
Family Christmas Eve Celebration with Holy Communion
Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Andrea Christensen
Deacon & Storyteller: Pastor Elaine Vanderwerf

Those Assisting in our Worship Service

Servers: David Conn, Arielle Henry-McIntosh, Xavier Henry-McIntosh

Readers: Soniya Thomas/Raymond Cheong **Prayers:** Raymond Cheong

PowerPoint Operator: Susan Thomas **Tech:** Ben Conn

Music: Raymond Cheong, Ann-Marie Barrett-Tandy, & the Contemporary Choir

PRELUDE

INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGMENT

♪ OPENING HYMN

♪ #118 O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem:
Come and behold him, born the king of angels;

Refrain

O come, let us adore him
O come, let us adore him
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of Light
Lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten not created: **[refrain]**

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God in the highest: **[refrain]**

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; **[refrain]**

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: **[refrain]**

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Merry Christmas! This is the night we've been preparing for throughout Advent. Our pilgrimage has brought us to the birth of Jesus, the light of the world.

As we gather this Christmas Eve, we light the Christ Candle. Jesus is the light of the world. May He be born in our hearts once again this night, for He is our One true light.

All five candles are lit.

O Christ, you who are the light of the world, keep us, we pray, from being fearful children of the darkness and make us instead children of the light who love our brothers and sisters with the fearless love of Christ, so that we might bear the fruit of righteousness in all that we say and do. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE GATHERING PRAYER

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. Amen.

Leader: All who have gathered here tonight, say Hallelujah!

All: Hallelujah!

Leader: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

All: A light no darkness can extinguish!

READING: Titus 2: 11-14 (The Passion Translation)

God's marvelous grace has manifested in person, bringing salvation for everyone. This same grace teaches us how to live each day as we turn our backs on ungodliness and indulgent lifestyles, and it equips us to live self-controlled, upright, godly lives in this present age. For we continue to wait for the fulfillment of our hope in the dawning splendour of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus, the Anointed One. He sacrificed himself for us that he

might purchase our freedom from every lawless deed and to purify for himself a people who are his very own, passionate to do what is beautiful in his eyes.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia
Allelu, alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia
Allelu, allelu, alleluia**

THE GOSPEL: Luke 2: 1-14 (The Passion Translation)

During those days, the Roman emperor, Caesar Augustus, ordered that the first census be taken throughout his empire. (Quirinius was the governor of Syria at that time.) Everyone had to travel to the hometown of their family to complete the mandatory census. So Joseph and his wife, Mary, left Nazareth, a village in Galilee, and journeyed to their hometown in Judea, to the village of Bethlehem, King David's ancient home. They were required to register there, since they were both direct descendants of David. Mary was pregnant and nearly ready to give birth. When they arrived in Bethlehem, Mary went into labor, and there she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped the newborn baby in strips of cloth, and Mary and Joseph laid him in a feeding trough since there was no available space in any upper room in the village. That night, in a field near Bethlehem, shepherds were watching over their flocks. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared in radiant splendor before them, lighting up the field with the blazing glory of God, and the shepherds were terrified! But the angel reassured them, saying, "Don't be afraid, for I have come to bring you good news, the most joyous news the world has ever heard! And it is for everyone everywhere! For today in Bethlehem a rescuer was born for you. He is the Lord YAHWEH, the Messiah. You will recognize him by this miraculous sign: You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in the feeding trough!" Then all at once in the night sky, a vast number of glorious angels appeared, the very armies of heaven! And they all praised God, singing: "Glory to God in the highest realms of heaven! For there is peace and a good hope given to the sons of men."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

STORYTELLING: *Through the Wardrobe into Narnia*

REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PEACE

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

We Give back to God from His gifts to us

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

♪ OFFERTORY SONG Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o're the plains:
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain

Glo-o-oria, in excelsis Deo;
Glo-o-oria, in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Who your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tiding be;
Which inspire your heav'nly song? **[refrain]**

Come to Bethlehem and see,
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee,
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. **[refrain]**

See within a manger laid,
Jesus Lord of heav'n and earth;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
With us sing our Saviour's birth. **[refrain]**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Word made flesh, life of the world, in your incarnation you embrace our poverty: by your Spirit may we share in your riches. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Leader Let us gather at God's table, grown-ups, are you here?
Say Amen.

Grown-ups Amen!

Leader Children, are you here? Say Amen.

Children Amen!

Leader For the saints who are with us, say Amen.

All Amen!

Leader With all God's creation, say Amen.

All Amen!

Leader God most loving, God most wonderful, when there was nothing, you began creating everything in beauty and goodness. When Miriam saved her brother Moses, they endured to lead their people Israel to freedom; when Samuel heard God's voice in the night, he said "yes" and became God's helper; when Mary heard the angel's call, she joined with you and turned the world upside down; and so with all God's children the whole creation sings this song of joy:

**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.**

Leader God most loving, God most wonderful, when the world needed you, you came as Jesus, the child of our hope; when he was twelve, Jesus explained the Bible to the teachers in the temple; when he was a grown-up, he brought the children close to him.

When children got sick, he came to them and made them better; when people were hungry, a boy offered his bread and fish so Jesus could feed them; because he loves us, he calls us into his circle of friends.

On the night before he died, Jesus had supper with friends, took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and shared it with them, saying: "Take and eat; this is bread for the journey – my body, given for you. Do this to remember me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with them saying: "This is the cup of blessing – my blood, shed for you and for all people. Do this to remember me."

Leader Remembering Christ's dying, let the people say, Amen.
All **Amen!**

Leader Celebrating Christ's rising, let the people say, Amen.
All **Amen!**

Leader Looking for Christ's coming again, let the people say, Amen.
All **Amen!**

Leader God most holy, God most motherly, pour out your Spirit upon
this bread and wine so we may become a community of love,
joy and friendship. May we taste and see your gift of life,
shared at this table, shared with the world, here and
everywhere, now and always, and let all the people say,
Amen.
All **Amen.**

Source: Evangelical Lutheran Prayer Book

♪ THE LORD'S PRAYER The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)

Father let your kingdom come
Father let your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven
Right here in my heart

Give us this day our daily bread
Forgive us forgive us
As we forgive the ones who sinned
Against us forgive them
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from the evil one
Let your kingdom come

It's yours, it's yours
All yours, all yours
The kingdom the power
The glory are yours
It's yours, it's yours
All yours, all yours
Forever and ever
The kingdom is yours

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD #6

Leader 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.**

Leader The gifts of God for the People of God.
All Thanks be to God.

♪ COMMUNION SONGS #126 Away In a Manger *(tune: Mueller)*

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus – look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle 'til morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

#137 What Child is This?

What child is this, who, laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain:

This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. **[refrain]**

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him. **[refrain]**

128 The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
And they say that his name was Jesus.

Refrain:

He comes from the glory, He comes from the glorious kingdom,
He comes from the glory, He comes from the glorious kingdom,
O yes, believer! O yes, believer!
He comes from the glory, He comes from the glorious kingdom!

The angels sang when the baby was born,
The angels sang when the baby was born,
The angels sang when the baby was born,
And they say that his name was Jesus. **[refrain]**

The shepherds came where the baby was born,
The shepherds came where the baby was born,
The shepherds came where the baby was born,
And they say that his name was Jesus. **[refrain]**

The wise men went where the baby was born,
The wise men went where the baby was born,
The wise men went where the baby was born,
And they say that his name was Jesus. **[refrain]**

CLOSING PRAYER

Leader: Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship with the wise men.

We ask that you open the doors of love all over the world tonight. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessings which Christ brings and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May Christmas morning make us happy to be your children and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with thankful hearts forgiving and forgiven. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

🎵 CLOSING SONG Go Tell It On The Mountain

Refrain:

Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and ev'rywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light **[refrain]**

The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed the Savior's birth **[refrain]**

Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn **[refrain]**

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