

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. † Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

Priest

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again. Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all, of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy bread of eternal life and the cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded:

All **We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

Priest

And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

LORD'S PRAYER

Priest And now, as our Saviour Christ hath 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

All **We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his blood, That we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.**

FRACTION ANTHEM *Agnus Dei*

MACNUTT

INVITATION

☩ The gifts of God for the People of God. ☩ Thanks be to God.

THE COMMUNION

All people seeking God are welcome to come forward to receive communion. If you do not wish to receive communion, please come forward to receive a blessing, indicating this by crossing your arms across your chest.

During the administration of Communion and the Ablutions, the choir will sing:

HYMN 418 *In the bleak mid-winter* CRANHAM
HYMN 416 *Silent Night* STILLE NACHT
ANTHEM *Candlelight Carol* - JOHN RUTTER (1945-)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Priest Father of 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.*

DOXOLOGY

Priest 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.**

BLESSING

Priest The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: † And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

HYMN 407 *Hark! the herald-angels sing* MENDELSSOHN

- Hark! the herald-angels sing Glory to the new-born King; Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled: Joyful all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies, With th'angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem, Hark! the herald-angels sing Glory to the new-born King.**
- Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, Late in time behold Him come Offspring of a virgin's womb: Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail th'incarnate Deity! Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! the herald-angels sing Glory to the new-born King.**
- Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings; Mild He lays his glory by, Born that man no more may die, Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth. Hark! the herald-angels sing Glory to the new-born King.**

DISMISSAL

☩ Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the newborn King.
☩ Thanks be to God.

**Tomorrow, Christmas Day, 10:30 AM
PARISH SUNG EUCHARIST AND BAPTISM**

Felix dies nativitatis

The Parish Church
of St. Luke



Christmas Eve

10:30 PM

24 DECEMBER 2017

We acknowledge that we meet and work in the Treaty One Land, the traditional land of the Anishinaabe, Cree, and Dakota people, and the homeland of the Métis Nation. We are grateful for their stewardship of this land and their hospitality which allows us to live, work and serve God the Creator here.

WELCOME GUESTS

Newcomers are encouraged to make themselves known to the clergy and to phone the parish office at 204.452.3609 should you wish to express any needs or concerns.

Please complete a visitor leaflet or envelope with your email address if you would like to receive parish newsletters sent to you regularly.

CHORAL EUCHARIST

Service Music Setting: *Missa Sancti Aidani* - WALTER MACNUTT (1910-1996)

– GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY –

HYMN 415 *O come, all ye faithful* ADESTE FIDELES

- 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; 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; O come...**
- Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above; Glory to God in the highest; O come...**
- See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle, Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear. We too with thither bend our joyful footsteps. O come...**
- Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born on Christmas morning; Jesu, to Thee be glory giv'n; Word of the Father, then in flesh appearing. O come...**

GREETING

Priest † 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 with thy spirit.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Priest Almighty God,
People **unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Sung by the choir* MACNUTT

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only

art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY *Christmas Eve*

Priest 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.**

– 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, ⁷and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. ⁸The 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 laboured; ⁹but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. ¹⁰Go 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. ¹¹The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, “See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.” ¹²They shall be called, “The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord”; and you shall be called, “Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.”

℣ The Word of the Lord. ℞ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 97 *Dominus regnavit [Coverdale] Chant: SIR JOHN STAINER (1840–1901)*

The Lord is king. The earth may be glad thereof; yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof. Clouds and darkness are round about him; righteousness and judgement are the habitation of his seat. There shall go a fire before him, and burn up his enemies on every side. His lightnings gave shine unto the world; the earth saw it, and was afraid. The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. The heavens have declared his righteousness, and all the people have seen his glory. Confounded be all they that worship carved images, and that delight in vain gods; worship him, all ye gods. Sion heard of it, and rejoiced; and the daughters of Judah were glad, because of thy judgements, O Lord. For thou, Lord, art higher than all that are in the earth; thou art exalted far above all gods. O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing which is evil. The Lord preserveth the souls of his saints; he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly. There is sprung up a light for the righteous, and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted. Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous, and give thanks for a remembrance of his holiness.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

SECOND READING **Titus 3.4–7**

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared, ⁵he 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. ⁶This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

℣ The Word of the Lord. ℞ **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN 426 *No crowded eastern street* HERITAGE

- No crowded eastern street, no sound of passing feet;
far to the left and far to right the prairie snows spread fair and white;
yet still to us is born tonight the child, the King of glory.**
- No rock-hewn place of peace shared with the gentle beasts,
but sturdy farm house, stout and warm,
with stable, shed, and great red barn,
and still to us is born tonight the child, the King of glory.**

**3 No blaze of heavenly fire, no bright celestial choir,
only the starlight as of old, crossed by the planes’ flash, red and gold;
yet still to us is born tonight the child, the King of glory.**

**4 No kings with gold and grain, no stately camel train:
yet in his presence all may stand with loving heart and willing hand;
for still to us is born tonight the child, the King of glory.**

GOSPEL **St. Luke 2.1–20** *§ remain standing*

℣ The Lord be with you. ℞ **And with thy spirit.**

℣ +++ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

℞ **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph 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. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And 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. ⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!” ¹⁵When 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.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

℣ The Gospel of Christ. ℞ **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

HOMILY

NICENE CREED *§ stand*

Priest I believe in one God,

All **the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. ++ And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *§ stand, sit, or kneel*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Priest Let us humbly confess our sins to almighty God.

People **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things and judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word and deed, Against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Priest Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: ++ have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

— CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST —

THE PEACE *§ stand*

℣ The peace of the Lord be always with you. ℞ **And with thy spirit.**

OFFERTORY HYMN 427 *It came upon the midnight clear* NOEL

- It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
‘Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven’s all-gracious King!’
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.**
- Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled;
and still their heavenly music floats o’er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o’er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.**
- But with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long;
beneath the angel strain have rolled two thousand years of wrong;
and man, at war with man, hears not the love song which they bring;
O hush the noise, ye men of strife, and hear the angels sing.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

℣ All things come of thee, O Lord. ℞ **And of thine own have we given thee.**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Priest Source of light and gladness, 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.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A - Preface of Christmas*

Priest The Lord be with you. **People** **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

Priest It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things. Because thou didst give Jesus Christ thine only Son to be born as at this time for us; who, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, was made very man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

SANCTUS, BENEDICTUS *§ sung by the choir* MACNUTT