



**HOLY TRINITY**  
ANGLICAN CHURCH

*Proclaim. Exalt. Serve.*

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

**December 24, 2024**

**3 PM and 5 PM**

# WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH!

## Christmas Eve 2024

Dear Friends and Family,

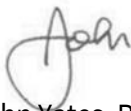
What a joy to share this holy night together! Many of you have traveled great distances to be with family for the Christmas holiday. Others have come from just down the road. Regardless of where you've come from we are so glad that you are here.

This evening we join with Christians around the world to celebrate the mystery that God became man. In Jesus Christ God himself came down as one of us in order to rescue us from sin and death. By faith we are joined to him, so that tonight not only do we celebrate his birth, but our *new* birth as well.

My hope and prayer this evening is that we will meet the living God together. As we gather in wonder at the news of his birth may we rise to sing his praise and proclaim his glory.

Everything you need to know for the service is printed in this bulletin. Let us worship our king with awe and joy!

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John".

John Yates, Rector

*Childcare is available for 0-5 year olds  
in the Young Children's Wing during the services.*

# CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## OPENING HYMN

*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*

Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,  
We would embrace thee, with love and awe;  
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly? *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*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Officiant:* To us a Child is born!

**People:** To us a Son is given!

*Officiant:* He shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,  
The Prince of Peace.

**People:** And he shall reign forever and ever. Amen.

*Officiant:* O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## HYMN

*Joy to the world!*

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

## THE OLD TESTAMENT READING *(please sit)*

Isaiah 9:1-7

*Red Bible, page 573*

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## HYMN

*Angels we have heard on high*

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.  
Glo- - - - ria in excelsis Deo! Glo- - - - ria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the glad some tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?  
Glo- - - - ria in excelsis Deo! Glo- - - - ria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.  
Glo- - - - ria in excelsis Deo! Glo- - - - ria in excelsis Deo!

See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.  
Glo- - - - ria in excelsis Deo! Glo- - - - ria in excelsis Deo!

## THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL *(please stand)*

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

***People:*** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**Luke 2: 1-20**

***Red Bible page 857***

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord.

***People:*** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE HOMILY

*The Rev. Dr. John W. Yates III*

## ANTHEM

*(3:00 pm) O harken ye, arr. Alfred Burt*

*O harken ye who would believe, The gracious tidings now receive:*

*Gloria, gloria In excelsis Deo.*

*The mighty Lord of heav'n and earth, Today is come to human birth.*

*Gloria, gloria, In excelsis Deo.*

*O harken ye who long for peace, Your troubled searching now may cease,*

*Gloria, gloria In excelsis Deo.*

*For at his cradle you shall find God's healing grace for all man kind*

*Gloria, gloria In excelsis Deo.*

*O harken ye for all who long for love, and turn your hearts to God above.*

*Gloria, gloria In excelsis Deo.*

*The angel's song the wonder tells: Now Love Incarnate with us dwells!*

*Gloria, gloria In excelsis Deo.*

*(5:00 pm) See amid the winter's snow, arr. David Willcocks*

*See, amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below,*

*see the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.*

*Refrain: Hail, thou ever blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn!*

*Sing through all Jerusalem, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."*

*Lo, within a manger lies He who built the starry skies;*

*He who, throned in height sublime, sits amid the cherubim! Refrain*

*Say, ye holy shepherds, say, what's your joyful news today?*

*Wherefore have ye left your sheep on the lonely mountain steep?*

*Refrain: Hail, thou ever blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn!  
Sing through all Jerusalem, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."*

*"As we watched at dead of night, Lo! we saw a wondrous light;  
angels singing 'Peace on earth' told us of the Savior's birth." [Refrain]*

*Sacred Infant, all divine, what a tender love was Thine,  
thus to come from highest bliss down to such a world as this! [Refrain]*

*Teach, O teach us, Holy Child, by Thy face so meek and mild,  
teach us to resemble Thee, in Thy sweet humility! [Refrain]*

## **THE NICENE CREED** *(said standing by all professing Christians)*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker 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 and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *(please kneel or sit)*

Leader: Almighty God, our heavenly father, as the multitude of the heavenly host sang out on the night of your son's birth, we, too, proclaim: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" *Luke 2:14*

For your Church throughout the world, that as she celebrates the birth of Christ, she may grow in holiness, we pray to you, O Lord... *(silence follows)*

For all those who do not yet believe in Christ, that they may know that today a Savior is born for them, we pray to you, O Lord... *(silence follows)*

For peace in the world, that nations may resolve their conflicts by giving themselves over to Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, we pray to you, O Lord... *(silence follows)*

For those who are alone or abandoned, for the oppressed and the hungry, the homeless, and the unborn, we pray to you, O Lord... *(silence follows)*

For all the sick of our families and our parish, that they may join their sufferings to the sufferings of Christ, we pray to you, O Lord... *(silence follows)*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray, *(Prayed by 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,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Officiant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

### CONFESSION *(said by all)*

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 neighbors 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.

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

## THE PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE OFFERTORY

*1 Chronicles 29: 11*

*Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty.  
For everything in heaven and on earth is yours, O Lord, and you are exalted as head over all.*

### OFFERTORY MUSIC

*From heaven above to earth I come,  
Martin Luther; arr. P. Harris*

*(verses 1-4 sung by choir, congregation stands and sings verses 5-6)*

*From heav'n above to earth I come to bring good news to everyone!  
Glad tidings of great joy I bring to all the world, and gladly sing.*



*To you this night is born a child of Mary, chosen virgin mild;  
This newborn child of lowly birth shall be the joy of all the earth.*

*This is the Christ, God's Son most high, who hears your sad and bitter cry;  
He will himself your Savior be and from all sin will set you free.*

*The blessing which the Father planned the Son holds in his infant hand,  
That in his kingdom, bright and fair, you may with us his glory share.*

*(congregation stands and sings verses 5-6)*

**My heart for very joy doth leap, my lips no more can silence keep,  
I too must sing, with joyful tongue, that sweetest ancient cradle song.**

**Glory to God in highest heav'n, who unto man his Son hath giv'n,  
While angels sing with pious mirth, a glad new year to all the earth.**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*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 him thanks and praise.**

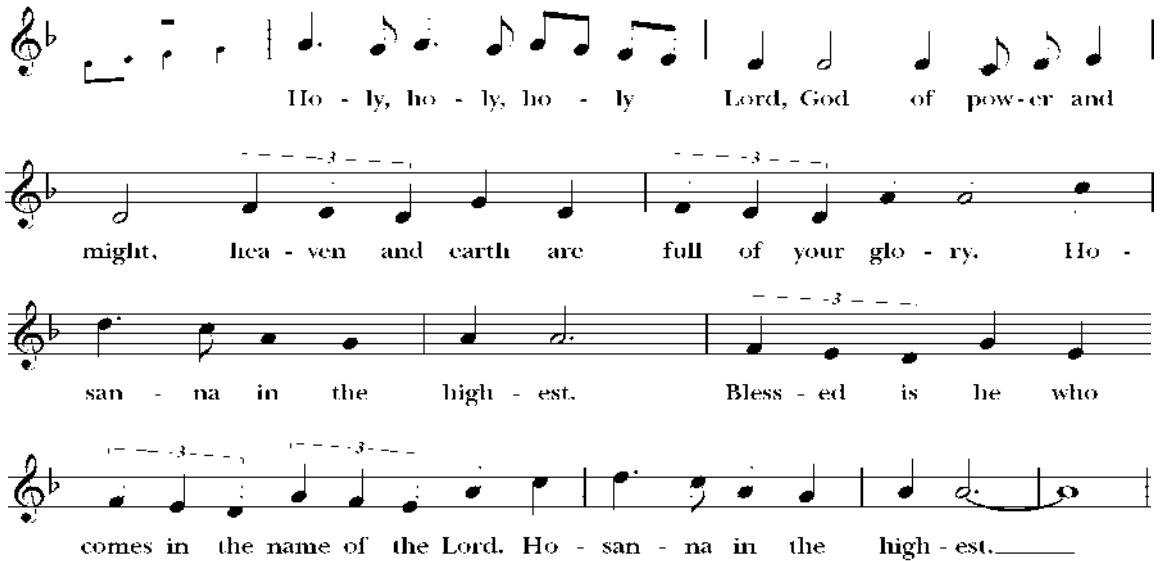
*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of Your Name:

## SANCTUS *(sung by all)*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_

*(The people sit or kneel.)*

### *The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. For Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People* **Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you our lives and present to you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;

**People** **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. The ushers will guide your row either to the front of the church or to the rear via the center aisle. Please extend your hands to receive the wafer, which you will then dip in the chalice.*

*Once you have received Holy Communion, please return to your seat via the side aisle. If you prefer not to receive communion, please cross you arms and the clergy will give you a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*A child is born to us, Guilielmus Messaus (sung by soloist/choir)*

*A child to us is born, is born to us in Bethlehem.*

*The great Lord is come to save us all from death and sin.*

*Three kings came unto Jerusalem, for to seek the newborn King.*

*"We saw His star and now have come to pay our homage to that Child."*

*Then King Herod sought to learn where the child was to be born.*

*They read that the King of the Jews would be born in Bethlehem.*

*Then King Herod, in his wrath, sought for to have the infant slain.*

*But by the hand of God, his evil was brought to naught that day.*

*In that humble town of Bethlehem, the Christ was born.  
The great Lord of earth and of heaven has come to save us all.*

*A child to us is born, is born to us in Bethlehem.  
The great Lord is come to save us all from death and sin.*

*A child is born to us, John Bull (Keyboard solo)*

*Lo, how a rose e'er blooming*

*(sung by soloist): Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung.  
It came, a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter,  
when half spent was the night.*

**(sung by all): Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind,  
With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.  
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior,  
When half spent was the night.**

**O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,  
Dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere;  
True man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us,  
And share our every load.**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER** *(please kneel)*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(Please remain kneeling for the lighting of the candles  
and the singing of "Silent Night")*

## HYMN

### *Silent night, holy night*

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia;  
Christ, the Savior is born! Christ the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

## CHRISTMAS PRAYER

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light, Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*Officiant:* The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

### *Hark, the herald angels sing*

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 the angelic host proclaim, 'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'  
Hark, the herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see: hail, the incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as Man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark, the herald-angels sing "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n 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 newborn King."

## THE DISMISSAL

*Officiant: Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the coming of Christ!*

**People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

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*Please join us for worship:  
Christmas Day at 10:00 am  
Sunday, December 29th at 9:00 am and 11:00 am*

## *Music Participants*

### *3:00 Service*

**Annabelle Welford-Small, soprano soloist and cantor**

**Mark Beamish, trumpet**

**Rosene Rohrer, flute**

**Paul Harris, organ and music director**

### *5:00 Service*

**Holy Trinity choir and octet**

**Dolly Terlizzi, trumpet**

**Jack Yates, trumpet**

**Amy Holt, flute**

**Leo Molinoff, flute**

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