

**St. Aidan**  
Anglican Church

**Christmas Eve**  
**Midnight Mass**



2023

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

**Processional Hymn** “O Come, All Ye Faithful”.....#118 CP

### Greeting

Welcome all wonders in one sight! Eternity shut in a span.  
Summer in winter, day in night, heaven in earth and God in man.  
Great little one whose all-embracing birth  
brings earth to heaven, stoops heaven to earth.

‘Do I not fill heaven and earth?’ says the Lord.

**Now the Word is made flesh and laid in a narrow manger.**

From eternity to eternity you are God,

**and now we see you as a newborn child.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### Lighting of the Christ Candle

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, King of peace:

To you be praise and glory for ever.

The new light of your incarnate Word

Gives gladness in our sorrow,

And a presence in our isolation.

Fill our lives with your light,

Until they overflow with gladness and praise.

**Blessed be God for ever.**



God our Father, today the Saviour is born

And those who live in darkness are seeing a great light.

Help us, who greet the birth of Christ with joy,

To live in the light of your Son

And to share the good news of your love.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,

The light who has come into the world. **Amen.**

**Lord Jesus, Light of light, you have come among us.**

**Help us who live by your light to shine as lights in your world.**

**Glory to God in the highest. Amen.**

People of God: shout and sing!  
 Tell the good news of peace on earth.  
 Lord, bring us today into Christ's peace.  
 All God's people shout: **Amen!**

Angels dance and the bright star shines.  
 All creation bows to the Lord of all.  
 Lord, bring us today into Christ's light.  
 All God's people shout: **Amen!**

One with us, yet born to save,  
 He will show us the way to God.  
 Lord, bring us today into Christ's love.  
 All God's people shout: **Amen!**

People of God: shout and sing:  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

**Song of Praise** "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" ..... #140 CP  
**Collect** ..... p. 273 BAS

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**First Reading** (*Catherine*) ..... Isaiah 9:2-7  
**Psalm 96** ..... p. 834 BAS  
**Second Reading** (*Brad*) ..... Titus 2:11-14  
**Gradual Hymn** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" ..... #138 CP  
**Gospel Reading** ..... Luke 2:1-20

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!  
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**Sermon** (*Fr. Dean Pinter*)

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.  
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.

**Prayers of the People** (*Darlene*)

**Confession and Absolution**..... p.191 BAS

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.

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 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.**

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. **Amen.**

**The Peace** ..... p.192 BAS

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

**The Preparation of the Gifts**

**Offertory “O Holy Night”**

1. O holy night, the stars are brightly shining;  
It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth!  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope, the weary soul rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.  
Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!  
O night, O holy night, O night divine!

2. Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,  
 With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.  
 So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,  
 Here came the wise men from Orient land.  
 The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,  
 In all our trials born to be our Friend!  
 He knows our need-to our weakness is no stranger.  
 Behold your King; before Him lowly bend!  
 Behold your King; before Him lowly bend!
  
3. Truly He taught us to love one another;  
 His law is love and His Gospel is peace.  
 Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother  
 And in His Name all oppression shall cease.  
 Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,  
 Let all within us praise His holy Name!  
 Christ is the Lord! O praise His name forever!  
 His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!  
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**Prayer over the Gifts**..... p.273 BAS

**Eucharistic Prayer #3** ..... p.198 BAS

**The Lord's Prayer** ..... p.211 BAS; music p. 918 BAS

**The Breaking of the Bread #6** .....p.213 BAS

We break the bread of life,  
 And that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us,  
 light in the midst of us,  
 Bring us to light and life.**

**The Communion**

*All who are baptized in any Christian church and seek to follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour may receive the bread.*

- ✦ *To receive the bread, hold out your hands, crossed with palms up.*
- ✦ *The celebrant will place the bread in your hands.*
- ✦ *If you prefer to receive a blessing, indicate so by crossing your arms over your chest.*
- ✦ *If you require gluten-free wafers, please indicate at the time of receiving.*

**Prayer after Communion** ..... p. 274 BAS

**Doxology**..... p.214 BAS

Glory to God, **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.

**Recessional Hymn** “Silent Night” ..... #119 CP

### **THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL**

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds,  
the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary,  
and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the  
Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Rejoicing in Emmanuel, God- is-with-us,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Glory, thanks and praise to God.**

### **CHRISTMAS INFORMATION**

**No Services on December 25—Christmas Day**

**Sunday, December 31—Reserved Sacrament** at 10:30 a.m.

**Sunday, January 7—Epiphany: Holy Eucharist** at 7:00 p.m.

**Fond Farewell for Pintors** following service

**Pastoral Emergencies December 25 - January 1**

contact Deacon Arleen @ 306-631-1001

**Please note:** The **office will be closed** December 25-January 1.

The mail will be checked regularly.

## FLOWERS DONATED TO THE GLORY OF GOD...

### In loving memory of:

Christopher, Raymond and Russell  
Patricia (Hunt) Land  
Loved ones  
Those without a home  
To the glory of God

### By:

Ken and Elaine Deans  
Ed and Sherril Land  
Barb Morrison and family  
Gerry and Fran Rushworth  
Justin and Shawn Smith

## MINISTERS TONIGHT

**Officiant:** Rev. Dr. Dean Pinter  
**Deacon:** Rev. Arleen Champion  
**Servers:** Carla Hoffmann, Emily Pinter, Brad Thorpe  
**Greeters:** Daniel McElroy, Olivia Mowchenko  
**Bellringer:** Kaleigh Pousett  
**Lectors:** Catherine Reichel, Brad Thorpe  
**Music:** Mowchenko family and friends  
**Sound:** Jeremy Dyck

### Cover Image

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