

St. Aidan Anglican Church

Christmas Eve
Holy Eucharist



2025

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

1. 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.
2. God of God, Light of Light,
lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;
very God, begotten not created: (*Refrain*)
3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest: (*Refrain*)
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: (*Refrain*)

Greeting

Christ has brought us out of darkness:
to live in his marvellous light.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, welcome to St. Aidan today. We have come together in the presence of God our Father to rejoice in the gift of Jesus to us as the light of the world, to hear and receive the story and message of the coming of Christ, and to offer to God our thanksgiving in prayer and song.

Blessing of the Crèche

Dear friends, as we meet to celebrate the birth of Christ, let us pray that God will bless this crèche, that all who worship His Son, born of the Virgin Mary, may come to share his life in glory.

God our Father, on this night your Son Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary for us and for our salvation: bless this crèche, which we have prepared to celebrate that holy birth; may all who see it be strengthened in faith and receive the fullness of life He came to bring, who is alive and reigns for ever. **Amen.**



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.

Today we remember Jesus and the story of his birth; **Jesus is our King.**
Jesus Christ is the light of the world; **Jesus is our Way.**
With Jesus even dark places are light; **Jesus is the Truth.**



In Jesus we shall live for ever: **Jesus is our Life.**
We meet to celebrate the coming of Christ into the world.
The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us
and we beheld his glory.

I bring you good news of great joy:
a Saviour has been born to you. Alleluia.

Unto us a child is born,
unto us a Son is given. Alleluia.

Hear the words of St Luke:
When the angels had gone from them into heaven,
the shepherds said to one another,
‘Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened
which the Lord has made known to us.’

So they hastened, and found Mary and Joseph,
and the baby lying in a manger.

He is Christ the Lord. Alleluia.
We worship and adore him. Alleluia.

The glory of the Lord has been revealed
and all flesh shall see it together.

(Children light candles)

Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
a light no darkness can quench.

The shepherds kept watch by night,
and your glory shone round about them.

The darkness is not dark to you,
the night is as bright as the day.

Let your light scatter the darkness
and fill your Church with your glory.

Holy Jesus, by being born one of us,
and lying humbly in a manger,
you show us how much God loves the world.
Let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,
until we reach our home in heaven,
and see you on your throne of glory. **Amen.**

Song of Praise “Silent Night”#119 CP

1. 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.
2. Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight:
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia,
Christ the Saviour is born!
Christ the Saviour is born!
3. 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.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading (*Carla*)..... Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalms 96 p.834 BAS

Sing to the Lord a new song;*
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
Sing to the Lord and bless his name;*
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations*
and his wonders among all peoples.
For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;*
he is more to be feared than all gods.
As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;*
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!*
Oh, the power and the splendour of his sanctuary!
Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;*
ascribe to the Lord honour and power.
Ascribe to the Lord the honour due his name;*
bring offerings and come into his courts.
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;*
let the whole earth tremble before him.
Tell it out among the nations: “The Lord is King!”
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.”
Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;*
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the Lord when he comes,*
when he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness*
and the peoples with his truth⁵

Second Reading (*Ndidi*).....Titus 2:11-14

Gradual Hymn “Away in a Manger” (alt. tune)..... #126 CP

1. Away in a manger, no crib for his 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.
2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus -- look down from on high
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with you there.

Gospel ReadingLuke 2:1-20

Acclamation: Before—Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

After— Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest,

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia.

Sermon (*Fr. Cal Macfarlane*)

The Nicene Creed..... p. 188 BAS

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 (*Brad*)

Confession 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.

Absolution

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

Offertory "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"#138 CP

1. 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 hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail, the incarnate Deity,
pleased as one of us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel! (*Refrain*)
3. Hail, the heaven-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 we no more may die,
born to raise each child of earth,
born to give us second birth. (*Refrain*)

Prayer over the Giftsp.273 BAS

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.**

Eucharistic Prayer #3p.198 BAS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who in the mystery of his incarnation
was made perfect man
of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother;
in him we have seen a new and radiant vision of your glory.
Therefore with all the angels of heaven,
we lift our voices and sing our joyful hymn of praise
to proclaim the glory of your name.

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.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God ...

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

we remember his death,

we proclaim his resurrection,

we await his coming in glory;

and we offer our sacrifice ...

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. **Amen.**

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

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 require gluten-free wafers, please indicate at the time of receiving.*
- ✦ *To receive the cup, guide it to your mouth using the base or simply bow.*
- ✦ *If you prefer to receive a blessing, indicate so by crossing your arms over your chest.*

During communion: “What Child is This”

“Angels Through the Night”

Prayer after Communion p. 274 BAS

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 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.

SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Blessing

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.**

Recessional Hymn “Joy to the World”.....#154 CP

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive the king;
let ev’ry heart prepare him room,
and heav’n and nature sing,
and heav’n and nature sing,
and heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.
2. Joy to the earth, the Saviour reigns!
Let us glad songs employ
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. No more let wrongs and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground.
He comes to make his blessings flow
far as our sin is found,
far as our sin is found,
far as, far as our sin is found.
4. 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.

Sending

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 Dec25—Christmas Day

Sunday, Dec 28—Christmas Lessons and Carols at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, Jan 4—Epiphany: Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Dell

Pastoral Emergencies December 25 - January 3

contact Deacon Arleen @ 306-631-1001

Please note: The office will be closed December 25 - January 4.

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