

# Christmas Eve 2021

Welcome

**Sentence:** I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord. Luke 2.10–11

Processional Hymn # 154 JOY TO THE WORLD

The Greeting

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## Collect of the day

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**

## A CANDLE IS BURNING (Tune: Away in a Manger)

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,  
We honour Messiah with Christ candle's flame,  
our Christmas Eve candles glad tidings proclaim.  
O come, all you faithful, rejoice in this night,  
as God comes among us, the Christian's true light.

## CHILDREN'S STORY TIME

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First reading – Isaiah 9: 2 – 7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you

For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Reader  
**People**

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 96

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

**People: Sing to the Lord and bless his name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples.

**People For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods.**

Leader: As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

**People Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! Oh, the power and the splendour of his sanctuary!**

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the Lord honour and power.

**People Ascribe to the Lord the honour due his name; bring offerings and come into his courts.**

Leader: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.

**People 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.**

Leader: 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.

**People** Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, when he comes to judge the earth.

Leader: He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.

**All** We worship you, God of glory, in the beauty of holiness, and we joyfully proclaim your just and righteous rule, established for all, through your Son Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

*In lieu of the Gospel reading and Homily we offer the*

### ALL AGES PAGEANT

#### GOD WITH US

A NATIVITY PLAY from [www.tearfund.org/christmas](http://www.tearfund.org/christmas)  
Registered Charity No.265464 (England & Wales) Registered Charity  
No.SC037624 (Scotland)

Narrator – Kylie Stecher

### THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn # 136 –  
While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

### Prayer over the gifts

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**

### The Great Thanksgiving

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(Preface) **Celebrant** Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of salvation in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Now with

angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

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Breaking of Bread # 6 Page 213

### Music during Communion –

Hymn # 126 Away in the Manger  
Hymn # 125 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly  
Hymn # 138 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

**Anthem:** Sussex Carol

### Prayer after Communion

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**

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #119 – SILENT NIGHT

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**a safe and blessed Christmas.**



### ***Santa's Christmas Eve Prayer***

The sleigh was all packed, the reindeer were fed, but Santa still knelt by the side of his bed,

“Dear Father, ” he prayed, “Be with me tonight.  
There's much work to do and my schedule is tight.

My sack will hold toys to grant all kids' wishes.  
The supply will be endless like the loaves and the fishes.

I can do all these things, Lord, only through You.  
I just need your blessing, then it's easy to do.

I do this only to honor the birth of the One,  
That was sent to redeem us, Your most Holy Son.

So to all of my friends, lest Your glory I rob,  
Please, Lord, remind them who gave me this job.”

By Warren D. Jennings

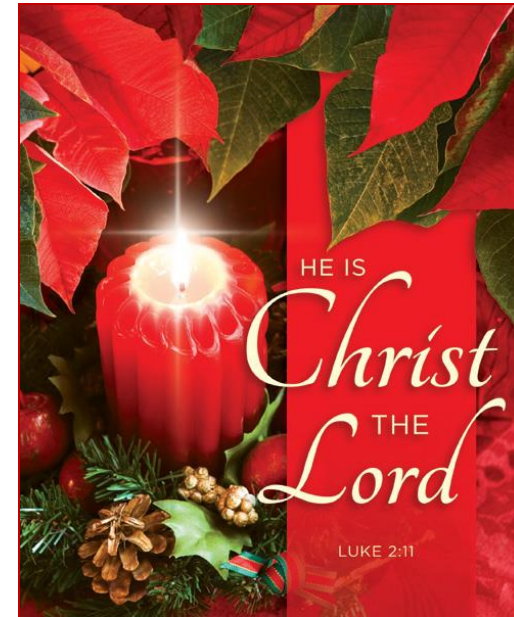
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#### ***INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT***

*We acknowledge that this church is situated upon traditional Indigenous territory. This land is part of Treaty #20 signed in 1818 by representatives of the Anishinabe (Ojibway) peoples of Mississaugan and Chippewayan dialects. The treaty includes all of the City of Kawartha Lakes. We also recognize the enduring presence of First Nations peoples on this land.*

#### ***OUR PARISH HISTORY***

*A congregation was established in 1836 and this church was built in 1885. It has been a place of worship where old fellowship is enjoyed and new fellowship is built and we welcome you to join with us to carry this faith into the future. .*