



# St Paul's Anglican Church



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10 a.m.  
1<sup>st</sup> After Christmas**

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**Incumbent** – The Rev. Bonnie Skerritt  
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**Music Director** – Arlene Gray

## **Indigenous Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge that this church is situated upon traditional Indigenous territory. We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. Creator, let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced. With thankful and respectful hearts, we pray in Your name, Your Son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. **Amen.**

**Prelude: Myrna Sloboda**

**Welcome**

**Processional Hymn: #160 As with Gladness Men of Old**

Officiant Lord, open our lips,

**People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

**People O Lord, make haste to help us.**



**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

### **First Reading - 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26**

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD'; and then they would return to their home.

Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the LORD and with the people.

Reader: The word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 148**

1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

**2 Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host.**

3 Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

**4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord; for he commanded, and they were created.

**6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps;

**8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

9 Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

**10 Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;**

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

**12 Young men and maidens, old and young together.**

13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name only is exalted, his splendour is over earth and heaven.

**14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!**

**Blessed are you, Lord our God, creator of heaven and earth; you open our eyes to see the wonders around us, and our hearts and mouths to praise you. Now give us strength for loving service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Second Reading - Colossians 3:12-17**

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Reader: The word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Gradual Hymn:** #121 O Little Town of Bethlehem v 1, 2

**Holy Gospel - Matthew 1:18-25**

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
**People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her

husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Officiant The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Gradual Hymn:** #121 O Little Town of Bethlehem v 3, 4

**Homily** Rev. Bonnie Skerritt

### **The Apostles' Creed**

Officiant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

(In joy and humility let us pray to the creator of the universe, saying, "Lord, grant us peace.")

By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel, hear us, O Lord.

**Lord, grant us peace.**

By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O Lord.

**Lord, grant us peace.**

By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, hear us, O Lord.

**Lord, grant us peace.**

By the manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us, O Lord.

**Lord, grant us peace**

By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, hear us, O Lord.

**Lord, grant us peace.**

By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O Lord.

**Lord, grant us peace.**

Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; hear us, O Lord.

**Lord, grant us peace.**

**Carol 2:** #145 Good King Wenceslas

**Offertory Hymn** #128 The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

## **Prayer over the Gifts**

Officiant: God of light, in the birth of your Son we see your glory. May we who share in this mystery grow daily in your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

## **The Collect**

**All:** Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and

reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Officiant And now, as our Saviour Christ has 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.**

**Carol 3:** VU #43 Go Tell It on the Mountain

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus is His name.**

**While shepherds kept their watching, O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold throughout the heavens There shone a holy light.**

*Go, tell it on the mountain,....*

**The shepherds feared and trembled. When lo! Above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.**

*Go, tell it on the mountain,....*

**Down in a lowly manger The humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn.**

*Go, tell it on the mountain,....*

### **Announcements**

**Recessional Hymn #123** Once In Royal David's City

### **Dismissal**

Officiant: Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, go, serve the world God loves.

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

**Postlude:** (Feel free to sit and listen)

**We wish to thank Myrna Sloboda** for sharing her God Given gift with us for the last two services. As our pianist she skillfully, and joyfully, uplifted our voices to sing praises to God. It has been a pleasure to have Myrna and her husband Mike worship with us at St. Paul's.



*Thank you for Worshipping with us Today.*

*Please join us after Worship for Refreshments and Fellowship!*



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