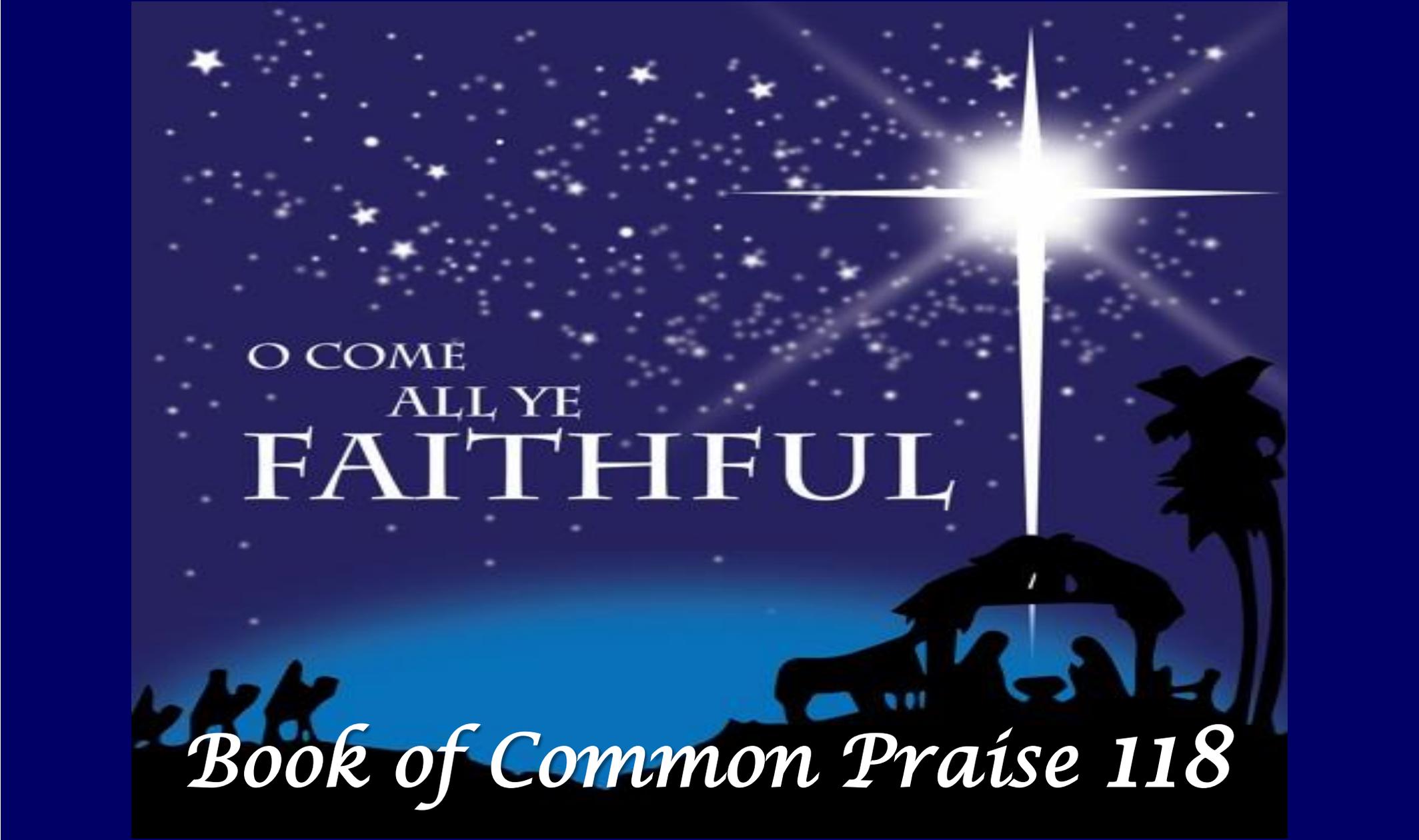


Welcome to The Parish of
Holy Trinity St. Stephens Anglican Memorial Church

CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

DECEMBER 24TH, 2023

A dark blue background featuring a bright, multi-pointed star in the upper right quadrant. The star has a glowing white center and radiating lines. Below the star, the silhouettes of a nativity scene are visible, including a manger with figures, a donkey, and a palm tree. The sky is filled with numerous small white stars of varying sizes.

O COME
ALL YE
FAITHFUL

Book of Common Praise 118

Verse 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.**

Chorus

**O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.**

Verse 2

**God of God, Light of Light,
Lo, He abhors not the virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten not created:**

Chorus

**O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.**

Verse 3

**Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,
"Glory to God,
Glory in the highest":**

Chorus

**O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.**



Welcome
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

**Greetings and Announcements:
Rev. Rob Henderson**

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Celebrant:

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
Be with you all.**

***People:* And also with you.**

Celebrant: **Almighty God,**

People: **to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



T O G O D
B E T H E
G L O R Y

Glory Be to the Father

Chorus

**Glory be to the Father,
Glory be to the Son,
Glory be to the Spirit,
All Glory to our God.**

Verse 1

We praise you, we bless you,

We give you thanks.

We praise you for your Glory.

We praise you, we bless you,

We worship you,

O Lord, our God!

Chorus

**Glory be to the Father,
Glory be to the Son,
Glory be to the Spirit,
All Glory to our God.**

Verse 2

**Lord Jesus Christ,
Only Son of God.
You are One with the Father,
Receive our prayer.**

Chorus

**Glory be to the Father,
Glory be to the Son,
Glory be to the Spirit,
All Glory to our God.**

Verse 3

**You alone are the holy One,
You alone are the Lord.
With the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God.**

Chorus

**Glory be to the Father,
Glory be to the Son,
Glory be to the Spirit,
All Glory to our God.**

Tag

All Glory to our God.



Christ Candle

CHRISTMAS EVE



All Pray:



O God of hope, peace, joy and love. As Mary and Joseph welcomed you into the world, now help us welcome you into our lives. Give us courage to hope, strength to seek peace. Fill our spirits with joy, and our hearts with love. Amen.



Light One Candle

Light One Candle

Welcome Jesus our Light.

Light that the whole world needs.

Welcome Jesus our light.

Light that the Saviour shall bring.

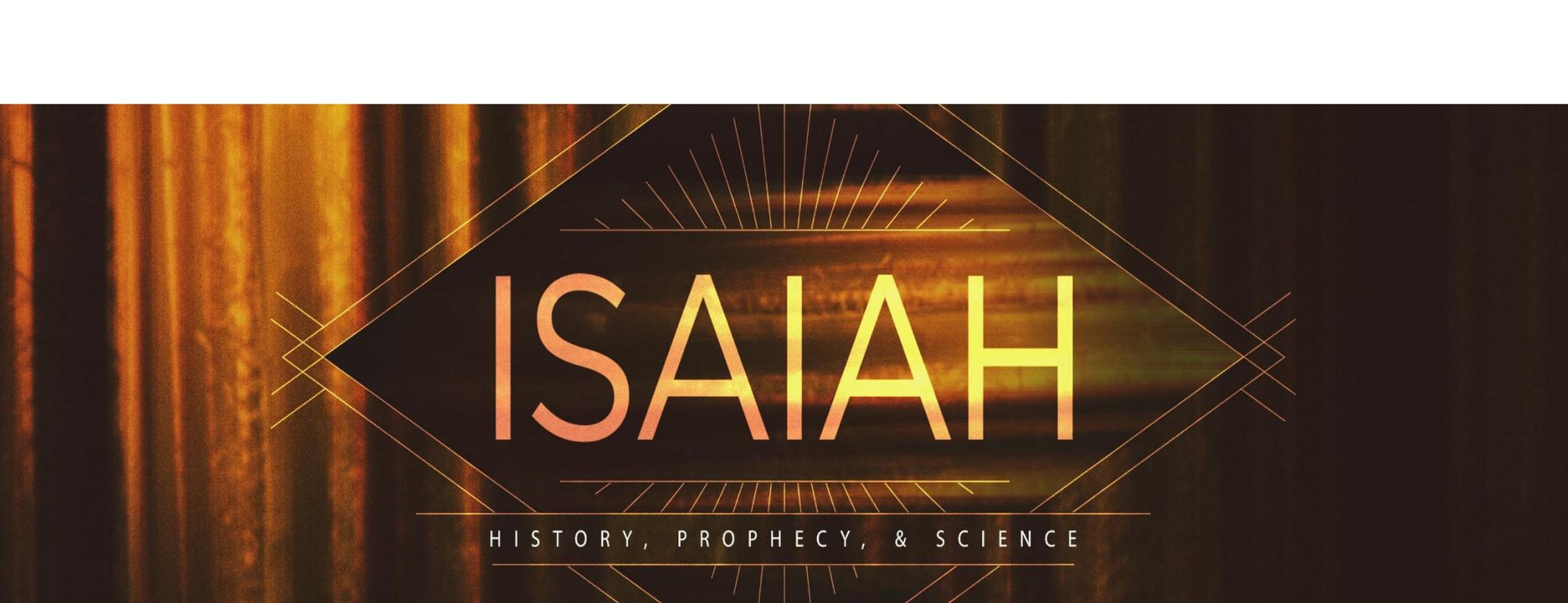
Light that the Saviour shall bring.



THE READINGS

REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY
ANGELICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

The Proclamation of the Word



ISAIAH

HISTORY, PROPHECY, & SCIENCE

A Reading From The Book of Isaiah

(9:2-7)

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.

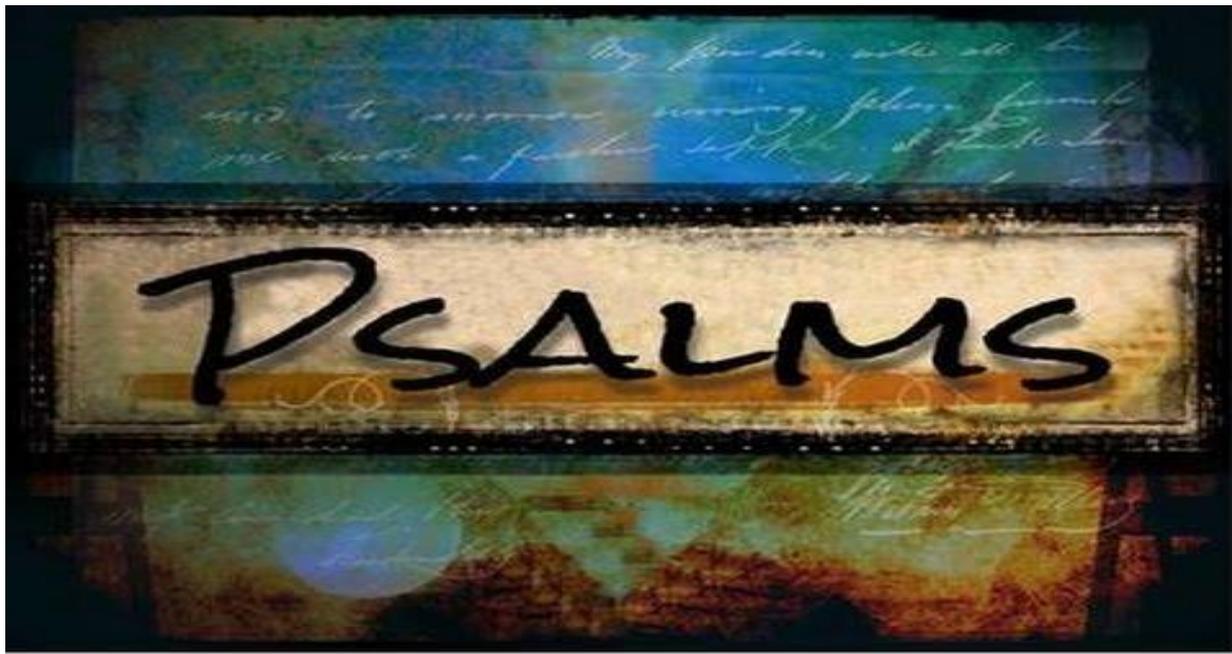
For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us,

**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: **The word of the Lord.**

People: **Thanks be to God.**



Psalm 96

Refrain:

***“All the ends of the Earth
Have Seen the Salvation of our God.”***

Psalm 96

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.**

***All the ends of the Earth
Have Seen the Salvation of our God***

Psalm 96

**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.**

***All the ends of the Earth
Have Seen the Salvation of our God***

THE GOSPEL OF
LUKE

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

What Child Is This



Book of Common Praise 137

Verse 1

**What Child is this who,
laid to rest**

On Mary's lap is sleeping?

**Whom Angels greet with anthems
sweet,**

**While shepherds watch are
keeping?**

Chorus

**This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and Angels
sing;
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.**

Verse 2

**Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners
here
The silent Word is pleading.**

Chorus

**This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and Angels
sing;
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.**

All stand for the Gospel

Reader: **The Lord be with you.**

People: **And also with you.**

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

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

Luke 2:8-20

And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news

of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!" When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart.

**And the shepherds returned, glorifying
and praising God for all they had heard
and seen, as it had been told them.**

Reader: **The Gospel of Christ.**

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

Verse 3

**So bring Him incense, gold and
myrrh,**

**Come peasant, king to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.**

Chorus

**This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and Angels
sing;
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.**



The Homily, Rev. Rob Henderson



Star Child

Verse 1

**Star Child, earth child,
Go between of God.
Love child, Christ Child,
Heaven's lightning rod.**

Refrain

**This year, this year, let the day arrive
When Christmas comes for everyone,
Every one alive !**

Verse 2

**Street child, beat child,
No place left to go.
Hurt Child, used child,
No one wants to know.**

Refrain

**This year, this year, let the day arrive
When Christmas comes for everyone,
Every one alive !**

Verse 3

**Grown child, old child,
Memory full of tears.
Sad child, lost child,
Story told in tears**

Refrain

**This year, this year, let the day arrive
When Christmas comes for everyone,
Every one alive !**

Verse 4

**Spared child, spoiled child,
Having, wanting more.
Wise child, faith child,
Knowing joy in store.**

Refrain

**This year, this year, let the day arrive
When Christmas comes for everyone,
Every one alive !**

Verse 5

**Hope for peace child,
God's stupendous sign.
Down to earth Child,
Star of stars that shine.**

Refrain

**This year, this year, let the day arrive
When Christmas comes for everyone,
Every one alive !**





*Prayers of
the People*

Christmas Eve

On this holy night in which God joins heaven and earth, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all those in need saying:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the Church around the world as it celebrates the birth of Christ. Bless all those who are entrusted with Christian ministry that your Word might be proclaimed with truth and courage across our world.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bestow your wisdom on all who govern, that in honouring the earth and its diverse races, cultures, and religions, we may celebrate the light of this holy night.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant reconciliation to those surrounded with conflict and violence, that they may live in the peace of this holy night.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all who are cold, hungry, or alone this night. We pray for the unhoused and those seeking refuge. Embrace with your tender care all who wander alone or have no place to lay their head, they may experience the hope of this holy night.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all who are anxious, depressed, or ill. Draw near to those who find this season a source of pain or grief, and to all who are suffering or sick.

Lord, hear our prayer.

**We pray for those we remember in
our own hearts that they may feel
the comfort of this holy night.**

Especially tonight, we hold up:

***Jessica W., Diane L., Ed N., Mary G.,
Brenda P., and Dan L.***

Silence

Lord, hear our prayer.

**Let us pray for peace in the world.
We pray for the Middle East, Ukraine
and for all who suffer. May the
coming of the Christ be a sign of
new beginnings for the creation God
loves.**

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for ourselves and for the blessings of Christmas. Open our hearts to your presence, that we may be transformed by the new birth of this holy night.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us give thanks for all we love but see no longer. Give us grace to follow your holy ones in lives of faith and commitment, that we may we join with the hosts of heaven in singing the praises of this holy night.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Light of life, you came in flesh, born into human pain and joy and gave us power to be your children. Grant us faith, this night and always, to see your presence among us, so that all creation may sing a new song of gladness and walk in the way of peace.

Amen

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: **Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love
and infinite in mercy;
God welcomes sinners
and invites them to this table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.**

Celebrant: **Most merciful God,**

People: **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.**

Celebrant: **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.

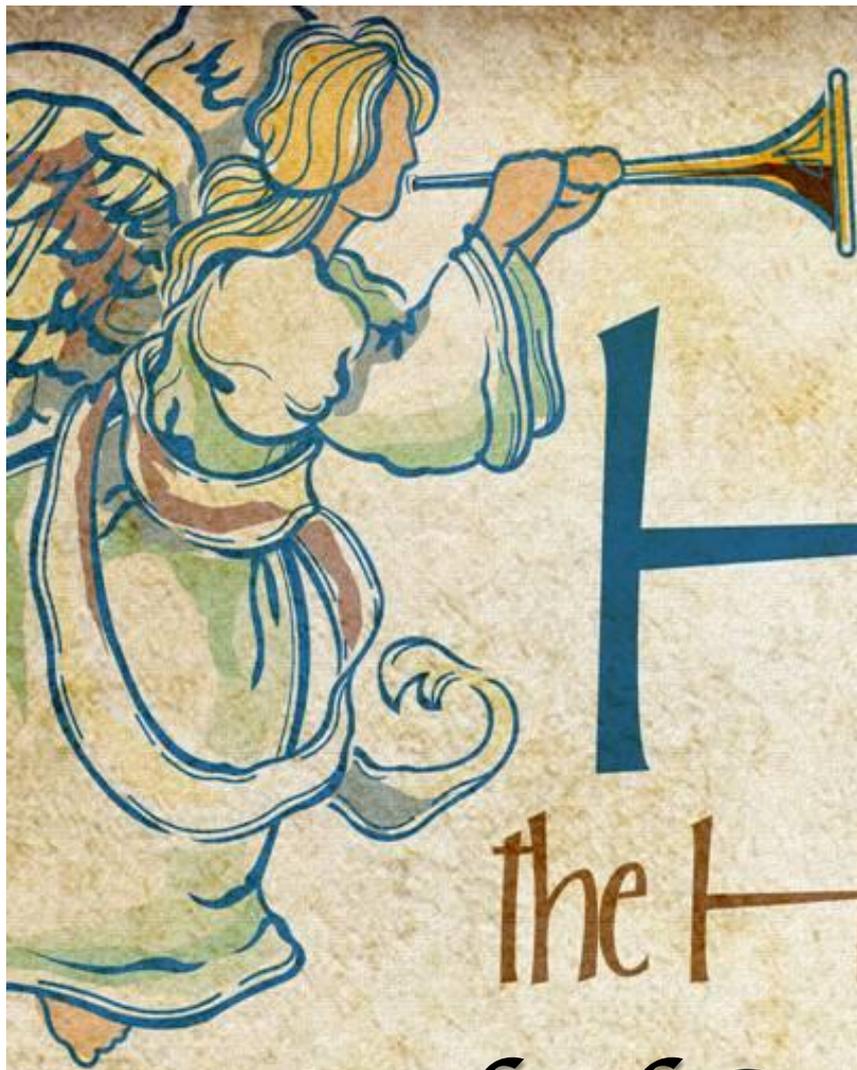
People: **Amen.**



Passing the Peace

Celebrant: **The peace of the Lord
be always with you.**

People: **And also with you.**



Hark,

the Herald Angels Sing

Book of Common Praise 138

Verse 1

**Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn 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!”**

Refrain

**Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”**

Verse 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

**Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”**

Verse 3

Hail the heavenly 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

**Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”**



**Receiving the
gifts of money
and other gifts
for the needs
and
responsibilities
of the Church.**



Tithes and Offerings

Worship the Lord in Giving



Altar Flowers

The flowers for the Altar today are given to the Glory of God in honour of our beloved Parish members gone before us but never forgotten.

Prayer Over The Gifts

**Eternal God, in faith and joy we
celebrate the birth of your Son.
Increase our understanding and our
love of the riches you have revealed
in him, who is Lord now and for ever.
Amen.**

Do This
In Remembrance
of Me



Eucharistic Prayer # 1

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 our
thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: **It is indeed right
that we should
praise you, gracious God,
for you created all things.
You formed us in your own image:
male and female you created us.
When we turned away from you in sin,
you did not cease to care for us,**

**but opened a path of salvation
for all people.**

**You made a covenant with Israel,
and through your servants
Abraham and Sarah
gave the promise of a blessing
to all nations.**

**Through Moses
you led your people
from bondage into freedom;
through the prophets
you renewed your promise
of salvation.**

**Therefore, with them,
and with all your saints
who have served you
in every age,
we give thanks
and raise our voices
to proclaim the glory
of your name.**

Hymn 722 Holy Holy Holy (Eucharist)

**Holy, Holy Holy,
Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full,
full of your glory
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest,
Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: **Holy God, source of life
and goodness, all creation
rightly gives you praise.**

**In the fullness of time,
you sent your Son Jesus Christ,
to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.**

**He healed the sick
and ate and drank
with outcasts and sinners;
he opened the eyes of the blind
and proclaimed the good news
of your kingdom
to the poor and to those in need.
In all things
he fulfilled your gracious will.**

**On the night he freely
gave himself to 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.”**

**Gracious God,
his perfect sacrifice
destroys
the power of sin and death;

By raising him to life
you give us life forever more.**

**Therefore we proclaim
the mystery of faith:**

All: **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: **Recalling his death,
proclaiming
his resurrection,
and looking for his coming
again in glory,
we offer you, Father,
this bread and this cup.**

**Send your Holy Spirit
upon us and upon these gifts,
that all who eat and drink
at this table
may be one body
and one holy people,
a living sacrifice
in Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**Through Christ,
with Christ,
and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours,
almighty Father,
now and for ever.**

People: **Amen.**

A rustic wooden cross stands in a field of tall green grass and small blue flowers. The background is softly blurred, creating a peaceful, natural setting. The cross is made of two weathered wooden beams, one vertical and one horizontal, joined at the top.

THE
LORD'S
PRAYER

... who art and forgive

... de forg

... down

... in heaven

Lord's Prayer

(Songs of a Gospel People)

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 them,
that 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**



Breaking of the Bread #6
Incarnation

Celebrant: **We break the bread of life,
and that life is the
light of the world.**

People: **God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**



**The gifts of God
for the
People of God.
*People: Thanks be to God.***

*Lamb of
God
(JMT)*



Verse 1

Cantor: **Lamb of God,
you take away
the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

All: **Lamb of God,
you take away
the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

Verse 2

Cantor: **Lamb of God,
you take away
the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

All: **Lamb of God,
you take away
the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

Verse 3

Cantor: **Lamb of God,
you take away
the sin of the world
grant us grant us peace.**

All: **Lamb of God,
you take away
the sin of the world,
grant us grant us peace.**





Come ^{to} the Table

**ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE,
IT IS JESUS WHO INVITES YOU.**

**Please allow personal distance when
approaching to receive the sacrament.**

**If you do not wish to receive the wafer,
please cross your arms in front of your
chest to receive God's blessing.**

Gluten free wafers are available.



Communion Hymn



Common Praise 119

Silent Night – Mi' kmaq (phonetics)

**Wanda Eat Ba, Sabaye Weej wella
Wantataye, Abah Da Day
Pagajeg Maliup 000/Nijah
Sabaye wheat mejooah jeej
Et leen pa/what so gay way
Wanta bow deek too**

Verse 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

Verse 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

Verse 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**





Lighting Of The Candles

We Say Together the Prayer After Communion:

**Source of truth and joy, may we who
have received the gift of divine life
always follow the way of your Son.
This we ask in the name of Jesus
Christ the Lord.
Amen.**

The Doxology

Celebrant: **Glory to God,**

People: **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.**

The Blessing



*Joy To
The
World*



Book of Common Praise 154

Verse 1

**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.**

Verse 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.

Verse 3

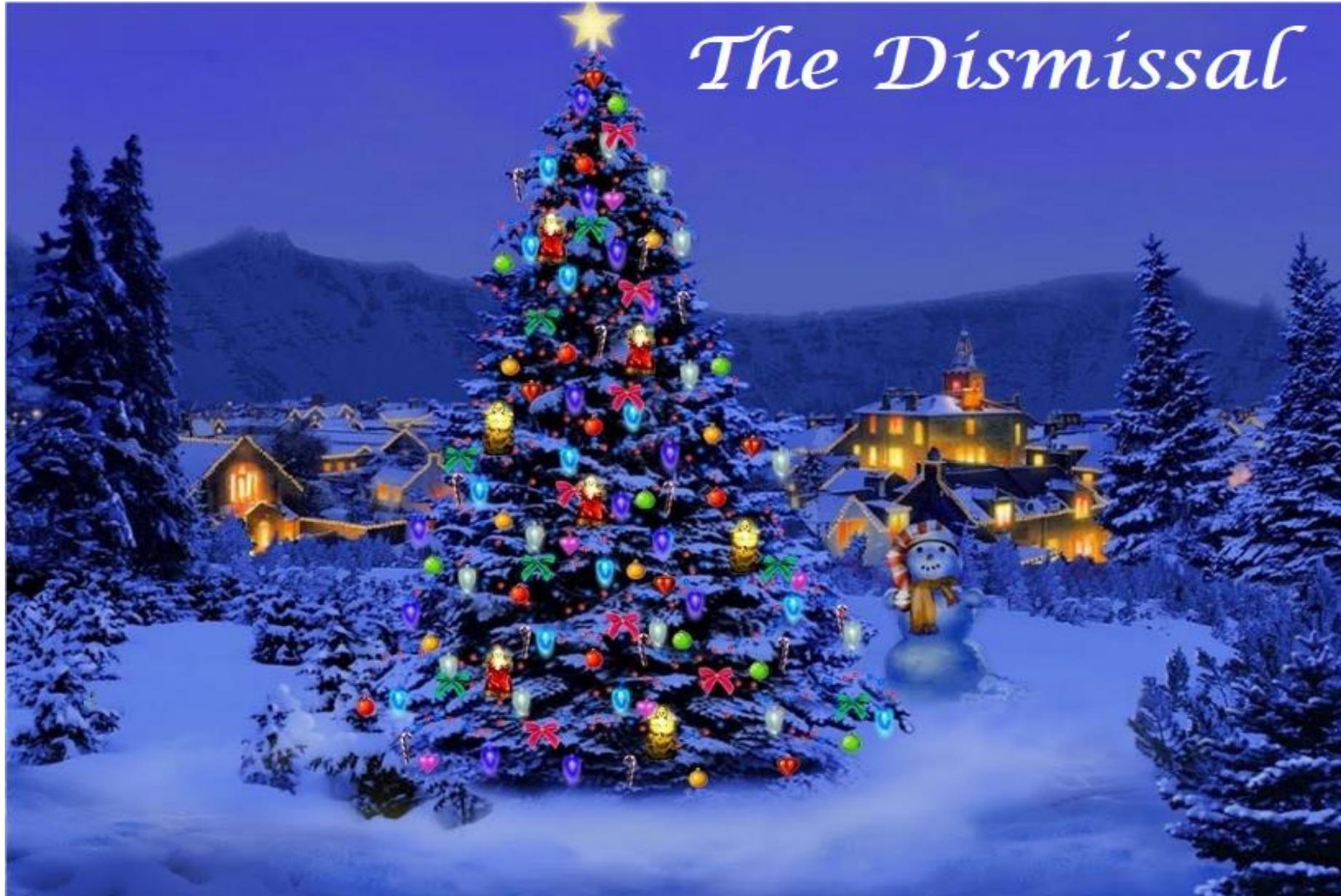
**No more let wrongs and
sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as our sin is found,
Far as our sin is found,
Far as, far as the sin is found.**

Verse 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,
and wonders of His love.**



The Dismissal



Mary's Boy Child



Verse 1

**Long time ago in Bethlehem
So the Holy Bible say,
Mary's Boy Child, Jesus Christ,
Was born on Christmas day**

Chorus

Hark now, hear the angels sing,

A new King's born today.

And man will live forevermore

Because of Christmas Day.

Trumpets sound and angels sing

Listen to what they say,

That man will live forevermore

Because of Christmas Day.

Verse 2

**When Joseph and his wife Mary,
They came to Bethlehem that night,
They found no place to born her child,
Not a single room was in sight.**

**Finally they found a little nook
In a stable all forlorn,
And in a manger cold and dark
Mary's Little Boy Child was born.**

Chorus

Hark now, hear the angels sing,

A new King's born today.

And man will live forevermore

Because of Christmas Day.

Trumpets sound and angels sing

Listen to what they say,

That man will live forevermore

Because of Christmas Day.

Verse 3

While shepherds watched

Their flocks by night,

They saw a bright new shining star,

They heard a choir sing,

The music seemed to come from afar

When the shepherds came to Bethlehem

They found the stable old,

And Mary holding the little Child

To keep Him safe from the cold.

Chorus

Hark now, hear the angels sing,

A new King's born today.

And man will live forevermore

Because of Christmas Day.

Trumpets sound and angels sing

Listen to what they say,

That man will live forevermore

Because of Christmas Day.

Verse 4

**When old King Herod, He heard the news,
He's as mad as he can be,
He told the wise men; "Find this Child so
I can be worshipping' He."**

**But angels watching the Holy Child
Came to Joseph in a dream,
And warned him of the King's anger,
So to Egypt safely they'd flee.**

Chorus

Hark now, hear the angels sing,

A new King's born today.

And man will live forevermore

Because of Christmas Day.

Trumpets sound and angels sing

Listen to what they say,

That man will live forevermore

Because of Christmas Day.





O come let
us adore
Him
Christ the Lord!

Merry Christmas
thank you for worshipping with us