
JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS EVE AT EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH

December 20 7:30 p.m. *A Longest Night Service*
December 24 5:00 p.m. *Christmas in Story and Song for All Ages*
8:00 p.m. *Christmas Candlelight Choral Service*
10:00 p.m. *Christmas Candlelight Choral Service*
11:15 p.m. *Christmas Eve Communion Service -
small and intimate in the South Studio*

***Parking has been extended on both sides of Lytton Blvd.
from 3:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m. on December 24.***

The Church Office will be closed on December 25 and 26, 2009

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Magnificat Beatitudes

“Blessed are you, who like Mary, say Yes to God.

Blessed are you this advent as you prepare for the coming of Christ.

Blessed are you when you reach out in love for one another,
when you love your neighbour in need.

Blessed are you when you speak words of peace to another.

Blessed are you when you tell each other the good things
God is doing in your lives.

Blessed are you when you welcome Jesus into your life.”

John Dear, SJ

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH

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CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST

December 20, 2009 10:30 a.m.

The congregation is invited to join in responses which are **bold**.

The Mass Setting is *Missa Brevis 11* by Healey Willan.

OPENING DOORS

PRELUDE Noël, Grand Jeu et Duo L.-C. D'Aquin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING (The congregation stands as able.)

Christian friends, rejoice! The season of waiting will soon be over.

The whole creation will sing for joy!

Such a fuss over a vulnerable baby in a manger.

Such an exuberant song for this precious gift.

“Hark, a herald voice is sounding,

‘Christ is nigh,’ it seems to say...”

With expectation, and with hope, peace, joy and love,

let us continue our journey to Bethlehem.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Hark, a herald voice is sounding Merton



Hark, a her - ald voice is sound - ing:
Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing,
Lo, the Lamb, so long ex - pec - ted,
that when next he comes with glo - ry,
Hon - our, glo - ry, might and bles - sing

There is no rose

John Joubert

There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu: Alleluia. For in this rose containèd was heaven and earth in little space: Res Miranda. (A wondrous thing.) By that rose we may well see there be one God in persons three: Pares forma. (Of that same form.) Then leave we all this worldly mirth, and follow we this joyous birth: Transeamus. (Let us go.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray:

**We give thanks, loving God,
that you have refreshed us at your table
by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ.**

**Strengthen our faith,
increase our love for one another,
and send us into the world
in hope and peace, in joy and love,
sharing the good news that “Jesus Christ is born”,
so that all your children shall be free,
and all creation may praise your name. Amen.**

OPENING DOORS

HYMN 43 Go, tell it on the mountain Go, Tell It

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE Jazz-Prelude: Go, tell it on the mountain John Behnke

Participating in today's service are: Ken Smee (coordinating greeter); Bob Anglin, Alan Morson, Flo Morson, Gloria Van Geilsnyke (greeters); Deborah Hart (liturgist); Gail Horrick, Pam, Joanna and Alex Owen, Marilyn Horrick, Emma and Jack Fingerle (candle lighters); Ann Lawson (reader); Don Parsons (preacher); Pat Brodie, Kathy Fletcher, Betty Heiminger, Julie Jai, Beth MacRae, Chuck MacRae, Doug McWhirter, Lynnette Norris, Bob Paajanen, Ed Piotrowski, Ann Schmid, David Trick, Frank van de Water, Bradley Worwood (communion servers); Janet Whitney, Laurie Denham, Doug Reid, Gloria van Geilsnyke (anointing); Mark Ball (sound); Peter Merrick and the Choir.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND FILLING OF THE CUP

In the breaking of this bread
we remember all brokenness in our world.
In the pouring of this wine
we remember the life-giving love of God poured out for all.
The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

(Those serving communion come forward.)

AGNUS DEI

Healey Willan

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Come, for all things are now ready.

(An usher will direct you to the appropriate station. Please return to your seats by the side aisles.

Front section: please proceed up the centre aisle to the two stations at the front of the Church.

Back section: please proceed down the centre aisle to the two stations at the rear of the Church.

Transepts: please wait for directions to the two stations at the front.

Balcony: please remain seated as communion will be served to you.

Healing stations are available in the four corners of the Sanctuary. If you wish, you may go there for prayer and anointing with oil, after having received the elements.)

COMMUNION MOTETS

People, look east

Besançon trad., arr. Barry Ferguson

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table. People, look east and sing today: Love the Guest is on the way. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there. Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish. People, look east and sing today: Love the Rose is on the way. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together. People, look east and sing today: Love the Star is on the way. Angels, announce to man and beast One who cometh from the east. Set every peak and valley humming with the word: "The Lord is coming." People, look east and sing today: Love the Lord is on the way.



"Christ is nigh," it seems to say, "Cast a - way the
let the earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ its sun, all
comes with par - don down from heaven; let us all, with
and the world is wrapped in fear, with his mer - cy
to the Mak - er and the Word, with the ev - er -



dreams of dark - ness, O ye child - ren of the day!"
sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
tears of sor - row, pray that we may be for - given,
he may shield us, and with words of love draw near.
last - ing Spi - rit, be through end - less ag - es heard.

Music: William Henry Monk

Words: 6th c. Latin, trans. Edward Caswell

OPENING PRAYER

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray: *(The congregation may be seated.)*

Mysterious God, soon you will come to us as softly as a mother's sigh, and as startling as the shriek of a newborn.

**Come into our hearts, life-giving God,
that we may be cradled in your love.**

O God of angel song, and dancing stars, sheltering stable,
and birthing cry, hear our prayer:

**warm our darkness, forgive our sinfulness,
feed us at the Table of Your Grace,
and empower us for service in your world,
in the Spirit of the Christ-Child. Amen.**

INTROIT

O come, O come, Immanuel

15th c. French; arr. John Rutter

O come, O come, Immanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell thy people save, and give them victory o'er the grave. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadows put to flight. O come, O come, thou Lord of might

who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height, in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe. O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

We have lit the candle of hope, a sign that God is with us, encouraging us along our way.

We are filled with God's hope this day.

We have lit the candle of peace, a reminder that Jesus came to share God's peace with all.

We are ready to share God's peace this day.

We have lit the candle of joy, a sign that God has promised us life in abundance.

We celebrate God's joy this day.

Today we light the candle of love, a sign of God's generous care and concern for others.

We offer God's love to one and all.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

The world which has walked in darkness will see a great light.

(The fourth candle is lit.)

Let us pray:

**God of all love, you make new those born on earth,
by becoming one with us.**

A barn, a manger and swaddling clothes become the marks of your presence.

You chose a gentle and strong woman to be mother to your love in the world.

You chose a courageous and understanding man to husband this love.

**Grant that we, too, may be open to your will,
and serve you in love and faithfulness. Amen.**

ADVENT SONG

Advent Gifts



There's a song of _____ hope in my heart;
There's a song of _____ peace in my heart;
There's a song of _____ joy in my heart;
There's a song of _____ love in my heart;

Loving God, in the Holy Child of Bethlehem
we recognize the fullness of your grace;
light, life and love revealed
for all your people everywhere.

And now we gather at this table to remember
and to be filled with your living bread,
that we may be empowered to transform our worship into witness
as we seek to follow in your way.

We remember that on the night before his death
Jesus came to the table with his friends.

He took bread and gave thanks to you.

He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said,

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was ended, he took the cup, expressed thanks to you,
shared the cup with his disciples and said:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant
poured out for you and for the whole human family for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

In Jesus' birth, and life, and death you have destroyed the power of death;
and by raising Christ to new life you have given us life for evermore.
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Nourishing God, let your Holy Spirit move over us,
and upon these everyday gifts of bread and wine,
that all who share this festive holy supper may become one with each other,
and one in ministry to your world, until Christ comes again.

**Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all
honour and glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever. Amen.**

Now as children turn to a mother who watches over them,
let us pray together:

GREAT THANKSGIVING *(The congregation stands as able.)*

Glory to God in the highest!

And on earth, peace to all!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is good to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
Creator of light, Giver of all life, Source of love.

We praise you for all your gifts.

You bring creation to birth
and send prophets to awaken us

to your Advent among us.

We praise you for that holy night of hope
and the wonder of this time of joy.

We thank you for those who, like Mary,
have the strength and courage

to give birth to your love in the world;

for those who, like the shepherds,

dare to seek out the Child of Bethlehem.

We praise you that your everlasting light is shown to us
in womb and tomb,

in cradle and cross,

in tenderness and compassion.

For the Holy Child Jesus,

in whom you gather the hopes and fears of all the years,

we praise your name,

joining with all your people of every time and place,

with angels in the midnight air, and with

the whole creation proclaiming the holy birth:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Healey Willan

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of thy glory: glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is the One that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

(The congregation may be seated.)



hope is a gift from Je - sus. There's a song of — hope in my
peace is a gift from Je - sus. There's a song of — peace in my
joy is a gift from Je - sus. There's a song of — joy in my
love is a gift from Je - sus. There's a song of — love in my



heart; hope is a gift from God.
heart; peace is a gift from God.
heart; joy is a gift from God.
heart; love is a gift from God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Hope in my heart is
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Peace in my heart is
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Joy in my heart is
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Love in my heart is



sing - ing prais - es. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
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Hope is a gift — from God.
Peace is a gift — from God.
Joy is a gift — from God.
Love is a gift — from God.

Words: Handt Hanson

Music: Peter Merrick

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BLESSING OF THE NATIVITY CRÛCHE

HYMN 69 Away in a Manger

Cradle Song

(The children will go to Church School following the hymn, returning for Communion.)

OPENING MINDS

HEBREW SCRIPTURES Micah 5: 2-5a

This is the witness of God's people.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Tomorrow shall be my dancing day

arr. David Willcocks

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day: I would my true love did so chance to see the legend of my play, to call my true love to my dance: Sing O my love; this have I done for my true love. Then was I born of a virgin pure; of her I took fleshly substance. Thus was I knit to man's nature, to call my true love to my dance. In a manger laid and wrapped I was, so very poor, this was my chance, betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass, to call my true love to my dance.

GOSPEL Luke 1: 39-46

CANTICLE p. 899 The Song of Mary Luke 1: 47-55
(Repeat verse 1 to conclude.)

Forest Green (530)

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Taking the Stable in Stride

HYMN The Angel Gabriel from heaven came

Gloria



The an - gel Gab - ri - el from hea - ven came, — his
"For known a bles - sed mo - ther thou shalt be, — all
Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head, — "To
Of her, Em-man - u - el, the Christ, was born — in



wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes — as flame. — "All
gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - our thee; — thy
me be as it pleas - eth God," — she said. — "My
Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn, — and



hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry, — most
Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."
Chris - tian folk through-out the world will ev - er say:



high - ly fav - oured la - dy." Glo - - - - ri - a!

Words: Sabine Baring-Gould

Music: Basque Trad.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

OPENING HEARTS

INVITATION

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(The congregation is invited to share signs of Peace with their neighbours.)

OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND WORK

HYMN 59 Joy to the world

Antioch

(The congregation remains seated for the singing of this hymn while the offering is being collected and then stands as it is presented.)