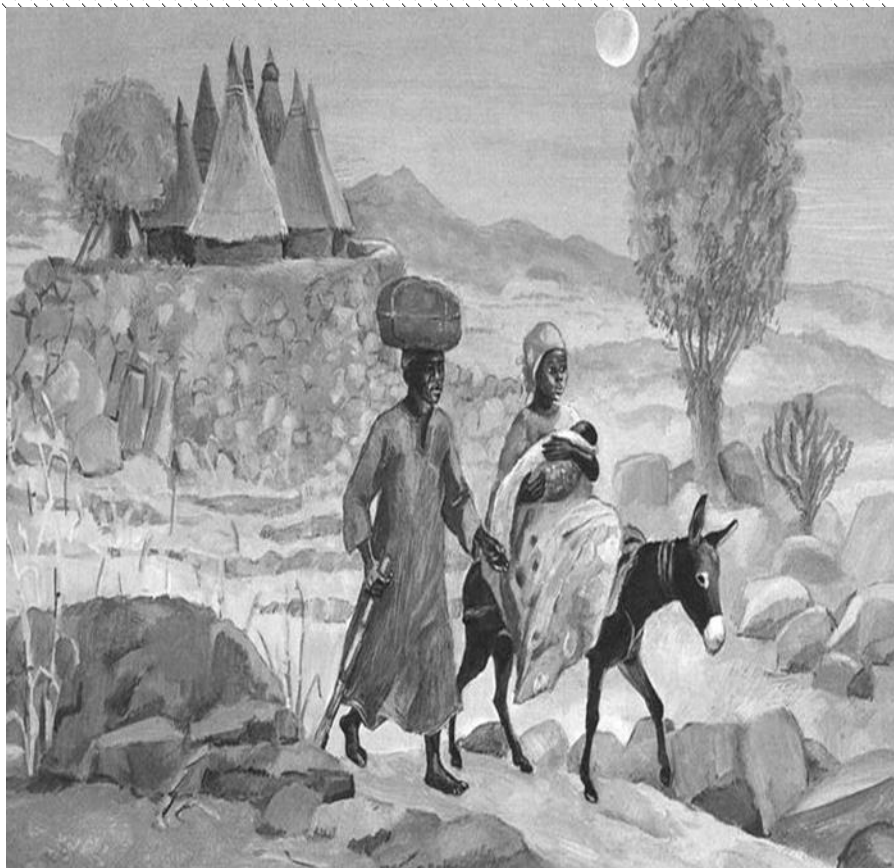


First Sunday After Christmas



**10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Eucharist
Sunday, December 28th, 2025**

*"Glorifying God as Agents of His
Reconciliation"*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship, let's pray together the Collect for Purity:

**Almighty God,
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.**

Sentence: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. *Colossians*

3:15,16

Hymn #259 "Angels from the Realms of Glory" Gloria

Verse 1

Angels from the realms of glory
Wing your flight o'er all the earth
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth

Chorus

Come and worship
Come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King

Verse 2

Shepherds in the fields abiding
Watching o'er your flocks by night
God with man is now residing
Yonder shines the infant-light

Verse 3

Sages leave your contemplations
Brighter visions beam afar

Seek the great desire of nations
Ye have seen His natal star

Verse 4

Saints before the altar bending
Watching long in hope and fear
Suddenly the Lord descending
In His temple shall appear

Verse 5

All creation join in praising
God the Father Spirit Son
Evermore your voices raising
To th'eternal Three in One

WELCOME

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

GREETING

Rev. Oz: 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.

Please stand.

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,

**you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Hymn # 282 O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful

**1 O thou joyful, O thou wonderful
Grace revealing Christmas-tide!
Jesus came to win us
From all sin within us;
Glorify the Holy Child!**

**2 O thou joyful, O thou wonderful
Love revealing Christmas-tide!
Loud hosannas singing
And all praises bringing;
May Thy love with us abide!**

**3 O thou joyful, O thou wonderful
Peace revealing Christmas-tide!
Darkness disappeareth,
God's own light now neareth;
Peace and joy to all betide.**

Please be seated.

**Moment of silence to collect our hearts and minds in
prayer.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Rev. Oz: Almighty God,

you have shed upon us the new light
of your incarnate Word.
May this light, enkindled in our hearts,
Shine fourth in our lives;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading – Isaiah 63:7-9

Reader: A Reading from the book of Isaiah

7. I will make mention of the mercies of the Lord, *and* the praises of the Lord,

According to all that the Lord has granted us,

And the great goodness toward the house of Israel,

Which He has granted them according to His compassion

And according to the abundance of His mercies.

⁸ For He said, "Certainly they are My people,
Sons who will not deal falsely."

So He became their Savior.

⁹ In all their distress He was distressed,

And the angel of His presence saved them;

In His love and in His mercy He redeemed them,

And He lifted them and carried them all the days of old.

Reader: Here endeth the Lesson.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 148

Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;

praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you angels of his;

praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon;

praise him, all you shining stars.

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

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

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

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

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

Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;

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

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

Young men and maidens,
old and young together.

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

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!**

Second Reading – Hebrews 2:10-18

Reader: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

²³ **10** For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the originator of their salvation through sufferings. **11** For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one *Father*; for this reason He is not ashamed to call them brothers *and sisters*, **12** saying, "I will proclaim Your name to My brothers, In the midst of the assembly I will sing Your praise."

13 And again,
“I will put My trust in Him.”

And again,

“Behold, I and the children whom God has given Me.”

14 Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, so that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, **15** and free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives. **16** For clearly He does not give help to angels, but He gives help to the descendants of Abraham. **17** Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brothers so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. **18** For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

The Gospel – Matthew 2:13-23

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

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

¹³ Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord *appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to kill Him.”
¹⁴ So Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt. ¹⁵ He stayed there until

the death of Herod; *this happened* so that what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet would be fulfilled: “Out of Egypt I called My Son.”

¹⁶ Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent *men* and killed all the boys who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had determined from the magi. ¹⁷ Then what had been spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled:

¹⁸ “A voice was heard in Ramah,
Weeping and great mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children;
And she refused to be comforted,
Because they were no more.”

¹⁹ But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord *appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, and said, ²⁰ “Get up, take the Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel; for those who sought the Child’s life are dead.” ²¹ So Joseph got up, took the Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Then after being warned *by God* in a dream, he left for the regions of Galilee, ²³ and came and settled in a city called Nazareth. *This happened* so that what was spoken through the prophets would be fulfilled: “He will be called a Nazarene.”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Please be seated.

THE SERMON – The Reverend Oz Lorentzen

After the sermon, silence is kept for a moment of reflection.

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED

Leader: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

People: 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 worshipped 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.**

**Please kneel or sit to pray.
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Invitation to Confession

Silence is kept for a moment of reflection.

Rev. Oz: Most merciful God,

All: 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.

Rev. Oz: 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.

All: Amen.

THE PEACE

Rev. Oz: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory

Hymn # 251 It came upon a Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold
Peace on the earth good will to men
From heaven's all gracious King
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing

Verse 2

Still thro' the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing

Verse 3

And ye beneath life's crushing load
Whose forms are bending low
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow
Look now for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing
O rest beside the weary road

And hear the angels sing

Verse 4

For lo the days are hastening on
By prophet seen of old
When with the ever circling years
Shall come the time foretold
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendours fling
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Rev. Oz: 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.

People: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Oz: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Rev. Oz: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Rev. Oz: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Rev. Oz: 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.

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Rev. Oz: We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
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."
Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All: we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Rev. Oz: and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.
We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;

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 forever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung)*

Rev. Oz: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

People: 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

Rev. Oz: 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 COMMUNION

Rev. Oz: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

In Anglican churches, everyone who is baptized is welcome to come and receive communion. You may kneel or stand at the altar rail to receive communion. If you are unable to come to the altar rail, please notify the sides people and they will alert the Communion Servers to come to you. You may receive communion at either the front or at the

rear of the church, when available. If you would like to come forward for a blessing instead of communion, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion is an important part of our worship. Please use this time to prayerfully prepare yourself for communion and to reflect on Jesus' gift after you have received communion. You may find singing the Communion Hymns helpful. Please refrain from talking during this time.

Options at the altar rail: the common cup to your left, bread and wine mingled together to the right.

Hymn # 273 Good Christian Men Rejoice

Verse 1

Good Christian men rejoice
With heart and soul and voice
Give ye heed to what we say
News news Jesus Christ is born today
Ox and ass before Him bow
And He is in the manger now
Christ is born today
Christ is born today

Verse 2

Good Christian men rejoice
With heart and soul and voice
Now ye hear of endless bliss
Joy joy Jesus Christ was born for this
He has opened heaven's door
And man is blessed evermore
Christ was born for this
Christ was born for this

Verse 3

Good Christian men rejoice
With heart and soul and voice
Now ye need not fear the grave
Peace peace Jesus Christ was born to save
Calls you one and calls you all
To gain His everlasting hall

Christ was born to save
Christ was born to save

Hymn # 292 Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

When Thou camest to earth for me
But in Bethlehem's home
Was there found no room
For Thy holy nativity

Chorus 1

O come to my heart Lord Jesus
There is room in my heart for Thee

Verse 2

Heaven's arches rang
When the angels sang
Proclaiming Thy royal degree
But in lowly birth
Didst Thou come to earth
And in great humility

Verse 3

The foxes found rest
And the birds their nest
In the shade of the forest tree
But Thy couch was the sod
O Thou Son of God
In the deserts of Galilee

Verse 4

Thou camest O Lord
With the living word
That should set Thy people free
But with mocking scorn
And with crown of thorn
They bore Thee to Calvary

Verse 5

When the heavens shall ring
And the angels sing
At Thy coming to victory

Let Thy voice call me home
Saying yet there is room
There is room at My side for thee

Chorus 2

My heart shall rejoice Lord Jesus
When Thou comest and callest for me

Hymn # 271 Joyful, Joyful, we adore thee

Verse 1

Joyful joyful we adore You
God of glory Lord of light
Angels lifting praise before You
Sing throughout this holy night
In a manger lies a baby
Child of Mary Son of God
Voices joined in joyful chorus
Praise You for Your gift of love

Verse 2

All Your works declare Your glory
All creation joins to sing
Praise resounds as earth rejoices
In the birth of Christ the King
Shepherds kneel before the Infant
Trumpets sound and anthems raise
As with joy our hearts are lifted
Joined in wonder love and praise

Please stand and sing.

Post Communion Song

Hymn # 240 Of the Father's Love Begotten

Of the Father's love begotten,
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the Source, the Ending He
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see,

Evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him;
Angel hosts, His praises sing;
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him
And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent;
Every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore.

Christ, to Thee with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,
And unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion
And eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore.

Please stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Oz: 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.

People: Amen.

Rev. Oz: 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

Rev. Oz: Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one
things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with peace and goodwill

and make you partakers of the divine nature;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be with you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hymn # 267 I heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Verse 1

I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth goodwill to men

Verse 2

I thought how as the day had come
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along th'unbroken song
Of peace on earth goodwill to men

Verse 3

And in despair I bowed my head
There is no peace on earth I said
For hate is strong and mocks the song
Of peace on earth goodwill to men

Verse 4

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep
God is not dead nor doth He sleep
The wrong shall fail the right prevail
With peace on earth goodwill to men

Verse 5

Then ringing singing on its way
The world revolved from night to day
A voice a chime a chant sublime
Of peace on earth goodwill to men

Dismissal

Leader: The Father of all,
has given us His Son to be the Saviour of the world. Go
in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.

People: Glory, thanks and praise to God.

Prayers of the People – December 28, 2025

James wrote, “The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.” (James 5:16b)

This week we pray especially for:

OUR CHURCH

The Most Reverend Gregory Kerr-Wilson, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of the Northern Lights &

Archbishop of the Anglican Diocese of Calgary

The Right Reverend Shane Parker, Primate of The Anglican Church of Canada

The Right Reverend Leopold Friday, Bishop of our Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands

The Most Reverend Sarah Mullally, Archbishop (elect) of Canterbury

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer

The Anglican Church of Canada

In our Diocese

Cathedral Church of the Redeemer, Calgary

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The Refugee Committee

In our Sister Diocese of the Windward Islands

St. George with St. Vincent, St. Peter, St. Luke and St. Alban on Grenada

The Ven. Michael Marshall, Rector

St. Patrick with St. Mary and St. Francis on Grenada

The Rev. Coleridge Brooker, Priest-in-Charge

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CMHA Alberta Division. Community Mental Health Association in Alberta.

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OUR WORLD

The country of Somalia and the International Rescue Committee.

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Peggy Kelly, Barbara King and Carol Kipta
Compassion Canada & Teguh in Indonesia, Jerusha in Ghana
The GriefShare Program
The Saturday Meal Program
The Medicine Hat Ecumenical Campus Ministry

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2 Corinthians 5:19

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Lay Reader

Lionel Brideson

Prayers of the People

Shirley Greenfield

Music

Soren Lorentzen

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Chioma Nwokeali & Anuli

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