



**December 30, 2018**

# **First Sunday after Christmas**

## **Welcome**



*Setting: Congregational*  
*Blue Hymn Books – Common Praise (CP)*

We are delighted that you are with us for worship today. If you are new to the Cathedral and would like to be contacted, please fill out the blue and white card in the pew. You may place it on the Offertory plate or give it to either of the clergy. Please stay for refreshments (Fair Trade coffee) after the service. Every person who is baptized is invited to the Lord's Table to receive Holy Communion with us. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please ask at the altar rail. We also ask that you refrain from dipping your wafers into the wine. All people are welcome to come to the altar at the time of communion for a prayer of blessing; please cross your arms to indicate this.

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**Celebrant:** The Rt. Rev. George Bruce

**Preacher:** The Ven. John Robertson, Honorary Associate

**Gospeller:** The Rev. Don Goodwin, Honorary Associate

**Organ Prelude**

**Celebrant:** Welcome and Announcements

**Opening Hymn:** CP143 Angels, from the realms of glory

## The Gathering of the Community

*All stand. The Celebrant greets 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,

**All** 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.

**Kyrie Eleison (all) CP687**

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**The Collect of the Day**

**Celebrant** Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All** Amen

*The people are seated for the Children's Focus and Proclamation of the Word.*

*The children leave afterward for Children's Church.*

## The Proclamation of the Word

### A Reading from the First Book of Samuel 2:18-20,26

Huw Davies-Phinney

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**

### A Reading from Psalm 148

Huw Davies-Phinney

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;/praise him in the heights.

<sup>2</sup> Praise him, all you angels of his;/praise him, all his host.

<sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon;/praise him, all you shining stars.

<sup>4</sup> Praise him, heaven of heavens,/and you waters above the heavens.

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD;/for he commanded, and they were created.

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

<sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD from the earth,/you sea-monsters and all deeps;

<sup>8</sup> Fire and hail, snow and fog,/tempestuous wind, doing his will;

<sup>9</sup> Mountains and all hills,/fruit trees and all cedars;

<sup>10</sup> Wild beasts and all cattle,/creeping things and winged birds;

<sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth and all peoples,/princes and all rulers of the world;

<sup>12</sup> Young men and maidens,/old and young together.

<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD,/for his name only is exalted, his splendour is over earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup> 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!

**A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians 3:12-17****Huw Davies-Phinney**

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**

*Please stand to sing and remain standing, and turn to face the Gospel reader.*

**Sequence Hymn: CP146 'Twas in the moon of wintertime****Gospeller** The Lord be with you**The Rev. Don Goodwin, Honorary Associate****People** And also with you**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke 2:41-52****People** Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Now every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

**Gospeller** The Gospel of Christ

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

*The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

**The Sermon**

**The Ven. John Robertson**

## **The Nicene Creed**

*The people are invited to stand as they are able.*

**Celebrant** Let us confess our faith as we say,

**All** 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.

**The Prayers of the People**

**Julia Davies**

*The people may stand, sit, or kneel as they are able. Personal requests may be placed in the prayer basket on the altar for this Sunday. For continuing prayers, names may be left at the office for the Prayer Fellowship.*

**The World and Environment:** For the world's needs this week, the environment, and the just and proper use of resources; for healing and right dealings with Aboriginal and First Nations people; for peace in our world and in our country.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for the Parish of Kyushu - (Japan), The Rt Rev. Luke Ken-ichi Muto, and their congregation.

**Diocese:** Pray for Michael our Bishop, Anne our Metropolitan, Fred our Primate, and Justin Archbishop of Canterbury; pray for the Parish of St. Thomas's, Belleville, the Rev. Brad Beale, and their congregation.

**Interfaith:** For all who seek after God and a holy life of justice, peace, and love.

**Community:** Princess Street United Church, Rev. Susan McAllister, and their congregation.

**Parish:** Pray for St. George's Screening in Faith committee, George Bruce co-ordinator, and we pray for the following households: Pamela Welbourn, Tom & Dorrie Westgarth, Ken & Doreen Whatley, and their families.

**Prayer List:** For Jeanie Oulton and family, The Very Reverend Sharon Murdoch, the Rev. Canon Alex Wakeling, David Stockwell, Terry, Patricia Hatt and family, Shirley Sager, Margaret Moore O'Meara, the family of Peter Pride, the family of Paul Lesser, Cathi Corbett and family, and the family of Betty McAskill; for those on our prayer chain; for those serving in the Canadian Forces at home and overseas; and for those facing medical procedures.

***Pray for the repose of the soul of Peter Pride.***

## **Confession and Absolution**

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

*Silence is kept. The people may stand, sit, or kneel as they are able.*

**Celebrant** 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.

**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.

## **The Peace**

*All stand, and the Celebrant addresses the people.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** And also with you.

*The members of the community, ministers and people, may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**Offertory Hymn: CP139 The first Nowell**

## **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

**The Prayer over the gifts**

**Celebrant** God our strength, we are nothing without you.

Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** Amen.

## **The Great Thanksgiving – The Melanesian Canon**

*All stand, as able, and the Celebrant addresses the people.*

**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 good and right that we give all praise, glory and thanksgiving to you heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, because through him you have created all things from the beginning and made us in your likeness; through him in the

fulness of time you redeemed us, when we had fallen into sin, giving him to be born as man, to die on the Cross and to rise again for us; setting him in glory at your right hand. Through him you gave us your Holy Spirit to make us a holy people, to fill us with new life and to give us hope for the coming of your Rule.

And so with angels and archangels and all the glorious company of heaven, joyfully we praise you and say,

**People** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory to you, O Lord most high. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*The people may stand, sit, or kneel as they are able.*

**Celebrant** All glory to you, heavenly Father, who in your loving mercy gave your only Son Jesus Christ that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Hear us Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord; through him accept our offering of praise, and grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be for us his body and blood.

On the night before he suffered on the Cross, he 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 in remembrance of me." In the same way after supper He took the cup, and when he had given thanks to you, he gave it to them and said, "Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

**All** His death Father we show forth, his resurrection we proclaim, his coming we await, Glory to you, Lord most high.

**Celebrant** And so Father we do this as your Son commanded, and we offer to you the bread of life and the cup of salvation as our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, showing forth his death on the Cross for the sin of the world, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension.

Accept us in him our Saviour, who offered the one perfect Sacrifice, and grant that all we who receive this holy Communion may be made one in your holy Church, the body of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord; through whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory be to you, Almighty Father, for ever and ever,

**All** Amen.

*The service continues with the Lord's Prayer*

**Celebrant** 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.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

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

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

## **The Communion**

*If you are baptized, you are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please cross your arms if you do not wish to drink from the common cup. All are very welcome to come for a blessing. Gluten-free wafers available – please ask at the Communion rail.*

*The Celebrant invites the people to share in communion and says,  
The gifts of God for the People of God.*

**People** Thanks be to God.

### **Agnus Dei (all) CP690**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*The Celebrant and people receive communion. The sacrament is given with the following words.*

The body of Christ (given for you).

The blood of Christ (shed for you).

### **Prayer after Communion**

**Celebrant** Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All Amen

## **Doxology and Blessing**

**Celebrant** Glory to God,

All 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.

**Closing Hymn: CP153 Good Christians all rejoice**

## **Dismissal**

**Celebrant** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

### **Organ Postlude**

**Readings for Sunday, Jan. 6, The Epiphany:**

**Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12**

### **Thank you to those assisting in today's service:**

**Greeters/Sides people:** Larry Norman, Jann Van Vugt, Iris Bjork, Lynda Redmond

**Servers:** Derek Falkner, Carl Redmond, Neil Henry Clarke, Judith Challis

**Lay Ministers:** Carolyn Pratt, Geoff Pratt, Erna Redekopp

**Refreshments:** Fellowship Committee members

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs)** are available. Please ask the sides people if you would like to use one. Look for the red lanyards.

**Lunch By George's** Annual Christmas Dinner was a huge success! Thank you to all who supplied turkey, pies, cookies, gifts, donations, and to all who volunteered their time to make this special Christmas meal.

**A big thank you** to the artists, ushers, and hosts of the Advent noontime concerts, in particular Ruth Oliver who coordinated the ushers, and David Cameron who assembled the choir and orchestra for the Bach Cantata on December 20. The four concerts were beautifully performed, and brought in a total audience of 615 people.

**Save the Date:** The Mora, Haskour, and Nasseh families, along with the Refugee Sponsorship Committee, are hosting a meal of Syrian Cuisine for the people of St George's on **Sunday, January 20**. Reservations are required, so be sure to complete and return the sign up sheet distributed in the bulletin, or contact the church office.

**Thank you to the volunteers** who have been helping to assemble the new bulletins, and to the many volunteers who contribute their time and skills throughout the year to enrich our St. George's experience. We all greatly appreciate your efforts!

**Offering Envelopes** for 2018 are available for pickup at the back of the Cathedral. For more information or to sign up for pre-authorized giving, please call our bookkeeper Marg Calcutt at 613-548-4617, ext 22.

**Please note that the office** and the Cathedral will be closed on December 26, 27, 28, and January 1. Messages will be checked sporadically during this time.

**The Bishop's Levée** will be held on **Tuesday, Jan. 1** with a Eucharist at 4:00pm. A time of fellowship will follow at the back of the Cathedral. Anyone wishing to contribute fellowship snacks may contact Eleanor Rogers at [eleanorrogers@sympatico.ca](mailto:eleanorrogers@sympatico.ca).

**Last date for Offerings/Donations** for 2018 is **December 31**, in order to receive a tax receipt for 2018. All of St. George's expenses and outreach ministries are funded from donations.

**Centering Prayer** will resume in the New Year on January 9 and 23, starting at 4:30 pm.

## **Upcoming at the Cathedral**

**\*\*NO WEEKDAY SERVICES DEC. 26-JAN. 9\*\***

**Tuesday, Jan. 1**

**4:00** Bishop's Levée, in the Cathedral

**Wednesday, Jan. 9**

Centering prayer, in the Library

**Friday, Jan. 11**

Children's Choir resumes

**Friday, Jan. 18**

Youth Group resumes

**Dean and Rector:** The Very Reverend Don Davidson

**Dean's Warden:** Ken Whatley

**People's Warden:** Tony Ashworth

**Deputy Warden:** Harold Redekopp

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