

Welcome to St. Paul's Anglican Church

The Rev. Jonathon Kouri

CHRISTMAS EVE



December 24 2018

9:00 P.M.

CHORAL EUCHARIST

Greeters: Tom Coleman and Ron Ayling

Servers / Chalice Bearers: Bob Bassett and Katrina Ayling

Reader: Ellen Hughes

Prayers: Alex Hughes

Music Director: Wendy Shaw

Organist: John Black **Accompanist:** Dan Berg

Welcome to this celebration.

Our service will follow the form of the Book of Alternative Services (BAS).

The service will begin in darkness.

Light will be passed through the congregation before the processional hymn.

Organ Prelude: *Gesu Bambino* by Pietro Yon

Welcome

The Grace/ Collect for Purity **BAS p.185**

INTROIT ANTHEM: *The Glory of the Father* (John 1:1-3)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *Silent Night* **CP 119**

During the hymn, the tapers are lit throughout the congregation.

Lighting of Advent Wreath Candles

SONG: *The Candle Song*

We honour Messiah with Christ candle's flame,
Our Christmas Eve candles glad tidings proclaim,
O Come, all ye faithful, rejoice in this night,
As God comes among us, the Christian's true light

Placing of Baby Jesus in the Manger

ANTHEM: *Tiny Miracle*

Word and music: Pepper Choplin. Lorenz Corporation, 2017.

Collect:

Almighty God, as we prepare with joy to celebrate the gift of the Christ child, embrace the earth with your glory and be for us a living hope in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

GRADUAL: *O Come All Ye Faithful (verses 1-3)* **CP 118**

Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

Sermon

REFLECTION ANTHEM: *Angel Song*

Words and music: Patrick Mock and Jon Page. Daybreak Music.

Prayers of the People

Confession / Absolution **BAS p.191**

The Peace

OFFERTORY: *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* **CP 138**

Prayer over the Gifts:

Source of light and gladness, accept all that we offer you on this joyful feast. May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours; for he is Lord now and forever. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer 3 **BAS p. 198**

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy Lord) - Benedictus (Blessed is the One)

The Lord's Prayer **BAS p. 211**

Breaking of the Bread *Sentence 6* **BAS p.213**

Communion *All are welcome at our Lord's Table.*

*For hygienic reasons please refrain
from dipping the bread in the wine.*

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

COMMUNION SONGS: *What Child is This?* **CP 137**

In the Bleak Midwinter **CP 122**

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime **CP 146**

Anthem: *Joseph's Lullaby*

Words: Maryanne Quinlivan; music; Kevin Keil. Choristers' Guild

Prayer after Communion:

Creator of all, tonight you have united earth and heaven in sending your Son to take our human nature. May we who have tasted heavenly things share in the life of his eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Doxology

Blessing

RECESSIONAL HYMN: *Joy to the World* CP 154

Dismissal

Organ Postlude: *The Holy City* by Stephen Adams



The flowers in the church this Christmas are offered to the glory of God and in loving memory of...

Wally and Agnes Ayling, Richard Nichols and Lynn Symons
given by Ron and Katrina Ayling

John, Marie Perry and Liz Everett and Anne Carter
given by Bonnie and David Carter

Robert and Karen Exley
given by Barbara and Les Humphreys and Bessie Exley

Dorothy and Lloyd Henderson *given by Deane Zeeman*



OUR CRÈCHE FIGURES The figures which make up St Paul's crèche have been an integral part of our Christmas celebrations for many years. They were donated in December 1974 by the artist Doris McCarthy, thanks to the efforts of the late Madeleine Moir, a long-time friend of the artist and member of St. Paul's. Doris was well known for her painting of landscapes from Newfoundland, to the Rocky Mountains, to the Arctic.

The figures were restored recently thanks to a generous donation from Madeleine Moir's estate and the combined efforts of Ann Bird and Bob Bassett.

Gloria

In excelsis Deo



We beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth

JOHN 1: 14