



Christmas Eve Friday December 24 2021

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PRIEST: We acknowledge the traditional territory upon which we worship. For many thousands of years, the Algonquin people have walked gently on this land. We acknowledge their stewardship and seek a new relationship based in honour and deep respect.

READING *John 1: 1-5, 14*

ALL: Thanks be to God.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRIEST: The season for watching and waiting is over. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. This is the light of the world, and the darkness cannot extinguish it.

[Christ candle is lit]

PRIEST: Son of God, light that shines in the dark, child of joy and peace, help us to come to you and be born anew this holy night.

ALL: Amen.

SONG *Silent Night Common Praise 119*

COLLECT CHRISTMAS

PRIEST: Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

ALL: Amen.

FIRST READING *Isaiah 52:7-10*

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING *Hebrews 1:1-4*

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

PRIEST The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

PEOPLE Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 2: 1-20

This is the Gospel of Christ.

PEOPLE: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRIEST: In joy and humility let us pray to the

creator of the universe, saying, "Lord, grant us peace."

By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel, hear us, O Lord.

ALL: Lord, grant us peace.

PRIEST: By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O Lord.

ALL: Lord, grant us peace.

PRIEST: By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, hear us, O Lord.

ALL: Lord, grant us peace.

PRIEST: By the manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us, O Lord.

ALL: Lord, grant us peace.

PRIEST: By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, hear us, O Lord.

ALL: Lord, grant us peace.

PRIEST: By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O Lord.

ALL: Lord, grant us peace.

PRIEST: Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; hear us, O Lord.

ALL: Lord, grant us peace.

THE PEACE

PRIEST: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS - CHRISTMAS

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 3 - INCARNATION

PRIEST: The Lord be with you

ALL: And also with you.

PRIEST: Lift up your hearts

ALL: We lift them to the Lord.

PRIEST: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

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

PRIEST: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of salvation in

the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Now with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name ...

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might - heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

PRIEST 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.

PRIEST: 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 for ever.

ALL: Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRIEST: 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

PRIEST: 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.

PRE-COMMUNION

PRIEST: The gifts of God for the People of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

DOXOLOGY

ALL: Glory to God 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.

BLESSING

PRIEST: May the love of Christ be active in your heart, be heard in your words, be seen in your actions and inform your choices today and all days. And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father...

ALL: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Priest dismisses the Congregation

ALL: Thanks be to God!