

**WELCOME TO
ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH**

Pastor: Jim Halmarson, Interim Priest
Deacon: Suzanne McMillan
Deacon: Alan Wotherspoon
Organist and Choir Director: Syd Birrell



**DECEMBER 24, 2016
9 pm Christmas Eve
Choral Eucharist**

Prelude *Wachet Auf* *J S Bach*

Please stand

Hymn: **118 O Come All ye Faithful** *Adeste Fideles*

Celebrant The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us:

All **And we beheld his glory.**

Choir **O Magnum Mysterium** *Lauridsen*

O great mystery,
and wonderful sacrament,
that animals should see the new-born Lord,
lying in a manger!
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb
was worthy to bear
Christ the Lord.
Alleluia!

The Collect for Christmas

Celebrant Eternal God,

All **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. Amen**

Please be seated

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading **Isaiah 9:2-7** *Read by Nancy Marshall*

Choir: Sussex Carol *arr Willcocks*

Second Reading **Titus 2:11-14** *Read by Curtis Bryan*

Please stand

Gradual Hymn 154 **Joy to the World** *Antioch*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (10:30 Service only)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Celebrant Today Christ is born:

All Alleluia

Celebrant Today the Saviour has come:

All Alleluia

Celebrant Today the angels sing on earth:

All Alleluia. Glory to God in the highest.

Reader The Lord be with you.

All And also with you

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

All Glory be to thee, O Lord

Gospel Luke 2:1-20

Reader The Gospel of Christ

All Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Choir: Hallelujah Christ is Risen Birrell

Please be seated

Choir Innkeeper's Song *Ballantine*

Christmas Message Pastor Jim Halmarson

Solo O Holy Night *sung by Sarah Halmarson*

Please stand

The Creed

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

Please assume a position of prayer

The Prayers of the People

Reader In peace let us pray to the Lord. Father, in this holy night your Son our Saviour was born in human flesh.

Renew your Church as the Body of Christ. Holy God

All Hear our prayer

Reader On this holy night there was no room for your Son in the inn. Protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty. Holy God

All Hear our prayer

Reader On this holy night Mary, in the pain of labour, brought your Son to birth. Hold in your hand [...and] all who are in pain or distress. Holy God

All Hear our prayer

Reader On this holy night our Christ came as a light shining in the darkness. Bring comfort to [...] all who suffer in the sadness of our world. Holy God

All Hear our prayer

Reader On this holy night the angels sang, 'Peace to God's people on earth.' Strengthen those who work for peace and justice in all the world. Holy God

All Hear our prayer

Reader On this holy night shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy. Give us grace to preach the gospel of Christ's redemption. Holy God

All Hear our prayer

Reader On this holy night strangers found the Holy Family, and saw the baby lying in the manger. Bless our homes and all whom we love. Holy God

All Hear our prayer

Reader On this holy night heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven. Hold in your hand [...and] all those who have passed through death in the hope of your coming kingdom. Holy God

All Hear our prayer

Reader On this holy night Christians the world over celebrate Christ's birth. Open our hearts that he may be born in us today. Holy God

All Hear our prayer

Reader Father, on this holy night angels and shepherds worshipped at the manger throne. Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary, Joseph and the saints through him who is your Word made flesh, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen

Please stand

The Peace

Celebrant This holy night the angels sang, Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth
peace to all in whom he delights.
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
All And Also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Gifts of bread and wine are prepared on the altar and a collection is taken for presentation in prayer before the altar, sidespeople remain at the altar until after the prayer over the gifts

Offertory Hymn: 136 While Shepherds Watched their Flocks by Night *Winchester Old*

Please remain standing

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Source of light and gladness,
All 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

The Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
All And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts;
All We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;
All It is meet and right so to do.
Celebrant It is very meet, right, evermore praising thee and saying:
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.

Choir Sanctus and Benedictus

Mozart in C

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

Please assume a position of prayer

Celebrant 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;**

Celebrant 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.

All Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God

All Thanks be to God

Communion

Christians of all denominations are invited to receive Communion. Sidespeople will direct you to a place at the altar rail - those in the side aisle pews please come forward first.

After receiving Communion please pick up a candle from a Sidesperson

Music at Communion

Agnus Dei *Missa Brevis No. 4*

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,

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

Anthem Ave Maria

Biebl

Candlelight is shared among the congregation

Hymn 119 **Silent Night**

Stille Nacht

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Father of all,

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

Please extinguish your candles

Celebrant **Blessing**

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.

All **Glory, thanks and praise to God.**

Hymn 138 **Hark! The herald angels sing**

Mendelssohn

Postlude **Finale from Symphony #1**

Vierne

Note from Syd: Louis Vierne's Finale rivals Widor's famous Toccata for sheer mastery of the French Romantic Toccata form, a style that includes a sparkling keyboard part with a heroic theme below in the pedals. Vierne adds some clever canonic passages in the quieter sections before ramping up for a "pull out all the stops" Full Organ ending.

Ministry Through the Liturgy

Lectors: Nancy Marshall, Curtis Bryan

Eucharistic Ministers: Ken & Marg Gadd, Peggy & Dave Watton,

Servers: Deanna Hurford

Intercessor: Philip Lake

Deacon: The Reverend Suzanne McMillan

Preacher & Celebrant: Pastor Jim Halmarson

Chancel: Lynda Mercer, Mary Edwards, Dianne Pagett, Doreen Taylor, Shirley Trussler

Sidespeople: Tracy Gemmiti, Lloyd Hutchinson, Dave & Peggy Watton, Randy Pagett, Philip Lake



CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Flowers in the Church today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

- ❁ Loved ones from Clare and Shirley Trussler
- ❁ Husband Richie and loved ones from Mary Edwards and family
- ❁ Bernice and Bill Downey from Sylvia and Bill Downey
- ❁ Nora and Harry Carleton from Judy Carleton
- ❁ Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ellis and Louis and Alberta Jackson from the Jackson family
- ❁ Fred and Freda Lockhart from daughter Karen Lockhart and family
- ❁ Peggy and George Graham with much love from Deb and Gord Graham
- ❁ David and Bill Panter, Helen and Cliff Lowes and other friends and family with much love from Muriel Panter and Deb Panter
- ❁ John Badham from his wife Dorothy and family
- ❁ Joan Mercer, Judith and Douglas from Lynda Mercer
- ❁ Walter Francis and Karen Lloyd, Tom Maud, Eric and Allan Jackson from Ralph, Mary and Eric and Susan and Lloyd
- ❁ Doug Wraight and granddaughter Brianne from Barb Wraight and family
- ❁ Leonard and Marjorie Larry from their daughter Doreen and son Raymond and families
- ❁ Tom and Helen Bell and Richard and Elva Harris from Tom and Ann Bell and families
- ❁ Douglas Taylor from his wife Doreen and family
- ❁ Wilma and Darryll Wilshaw from daughter Barbara and son-in-law Mark
- ❁ Frank Lehman sadly missed by Diana Lehman, Sarah, Russell, Kayley and Mackenzie Cook, Ashley and Tyler Turkington.
- ❁ Stanley and Lillian Boyle sadly missed by Diana Lehman, Sarah, Russell, Kayley and Mackenzie Cook, Ashley and Tyler Turkington.
- ❁ MaryLou Howitt sadly missed by Diana Lehman, Sarah, Russell, Kayley and Mackenzie Cook, Ashley and Tyler Turkington.

Thank you to all those who have contributed to the beauty of tonight's service.

CHRISTMAS DAY: Sunday, December 25

10am at St John's

The December 28th Celebration of the Eucharist on Dec 28 will be cancelled.

Sunday, December 31 , 2017

One Morning Service at All Saints': 9.30 am said Eucharist BAS

The Clergy, Staff and Wardens wish you all a blessed Christmas and all the best for 2018

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