



St. Augustine's Church

A Church Family in the Heart of the City



December 29, 2024, 10:00 AM

First Sunday after Christmas
Morning Prayer
December 29, 2024

Prelude

Opening Hymn: #143 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Steve Bateman

Children's Focus

The Penitential Rite

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Psalm 51.18

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found, call upon him when he draws near; let the wicked forsake their ways, and the evil ones their thoughts; and let them return to the Lord, and he will have compassion, and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

Isaiah 55.6, 7

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1.8, 9

The officiant says to the people,

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

All kneeling and silence is kept. The officiant and people say together,

Most merciful God, 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.

Officiant 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.**

(all standing)

Christmas Responsory

Blessed are you, O Christ, Son of God, you were before time began and came into the world to save us. Blessed are you, Sun of righteousness;

you shine with the Father's love and illumine the whole universe. Blessed are you, Son of Mary; born a child, you shared our humanity.

Let heaven and earth shout their praise.

Blessed are you, Son of David; born to rule, you received gifts from the wise men. Blessed are you, Son of Man; baptized by John, you saved us from ourselves. Blessed are you, heavenly King; teaching and preaching, healing and comforting, you proclaimed the kingdom.

Let heaven and earth shout their praise.

With all the voices of heaven we celebrate the coming of our Saviour.

Let heaven and earth shout their praise.

With all the creatures on earth we sing and dance at his birth.

Praise and honour and glory to you, O Lord most high.

The Invitatory

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us: **O come, let us worship.**

Jubilate

Psalm 100

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his name.**

**For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

The Proclamation of the Word

At the conclusion of each reading, the reader shall say:
And the people shall respond:

**The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

First Reading: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Michael Larsen

Psalm 148

Officiant Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
People **praise him in the heights.**

Officiant Praise him, all you angels of his;
People **praise him, all his host.**

Officiant Praise him, sun and moon;
People **praise him, all you shining stars.**

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

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

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

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

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

Officiant Mountains and all hills,
People **fruit trees and all cedars;**

Officiant Wild beasts and all cattle,
People **creeping things and wingèd birds;**

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

Officiant Young men and maidens,
People **old and young together.**

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

Officiant He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants,
People **the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, creator of heaven and earth; you open our eyes to see the wonders around us, and our hearts and mouths to praise you. Now give us strength for loving service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

Ayoola Aramide

Gradual Hymn: #125 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

The Gospel Luke 2:41-52

René Boéré

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Steve Bateman

Offertory Hymn: #132 Of Eternal Love Begotten

Offertory Prayer

Officiant Merciful God, receive all we offer you this day. Give us grace to love one another that your love may be made perfect in us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Apostles' Creed *(all stand)*

Officiant 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

Prayers of the People *(all kneeling)*

Cathy Gillespie

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Episcopal Church.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: In our Diocese we pray for Cathedral Church of the Redeemer, Calgary, The Very Rev. Dr. Chris Dowdeswell, The Rev. Jim McDermott (Hon.) and The Rev. Eyad Ajji (Hon.). We also pray for The Refugee Committee. In our Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands we pray for St. George with St. Vincent, St. Peter, St. Luke and St. Alban on Grenada and The Ven. Michael Marshall. We pray also for St. Patrick with St. Mary and St. Francis on Grenada.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for all those who assist with worship ministries: Acolyte, Gospellers, Intercessors, Lay Assistants, Lectors, Liturgical Assistants, Sanctuary Guild, Servers, Sidespeople and Count Supervisors.

The Collects *(remain kneeling)*

Officiant Let us pray.

- All* **Eternal God, you create us by your power and redeem us by your love. Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves today in love and service to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**
- All* **Father of light, yours is the morning and yours is the evening. Let Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine for ever in our hearts and draw us to that light where you live in radiant glory. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**
- All* **Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant 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.**

Recessional Hymn: #135 Shepherds in the Field Abiding

Dismissal The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen

Postlude

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In loving memory of Bob Hall by Jacky and family.

SHARING IN MINISTRY TODAY

GOSPELLER: René Boéré

INTERCESSOR: Cathy Gillespie

LECTORS: Ayoola Aramide, Michael Larsen

MUSICIANS: Flora MacKay, Owen Ukrainetz

SANCTUARY GUILD: Annette Bright and family, Barb Edgecombe-Green, Ruth Kereliuk, Karen Larsen, Peggy McLaughlin

SERVERS: Daniel Griffioen, Nicole MacDonald, Camden Slingsby

SIDESPEOPLE: Keith Griffioen, Terry Noss

COUNT SUPERVISOR: Doug McLaughlin

TECHNICAL CREW: Sound: Barry Adams, Drusilla Pearson; Videography: Ayoola Aramide, Orion Legg

NEWCOMERS MINISTRY: Karen Kay, Sheila Matson

Rector
Associate Priest
Rector Emeritus
Rector Emeritus
Children & Family Ministries
Nursery & Special Events
Music Director
Organist
Administrative Assistant
Lead Verger
Assistant Vergers
Rector's Warden
Acolyte
Assistant Rector's Warden
People's Warden
Assistant People's Warden
Deputy Warden (Worship)
Deputy Warden (Caring)
Deputy Warden (Fellowship)
Deputy Warden (Missional Outreach)
Deputy Warden (Facilities)
Deputy Warden (Financial Stewardship)
Deputy Warden (Communications)
Deputy Warden (Discipleship and Evangelism)

The Rev. Steve Bateman
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