



St. Augustine's Church

A Church Family in the Heart of the City



Christmas Eve
December 24, 2024, 7:00 pm

Eve of Our Lord's Birth
The Holy Eucharist
December 24, 2024

Prelude Silent Night

Tabitha Ball, trombone

Processional Hymn: #123 Once in Royal David's City
verse 1 sung as a solo from back of Church by Reid Roberts

Once in royal David's city,
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her Baby,
In a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ, her little Child.

**He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy,**

**And our eyes at last shall see Him,
Through His own redeeming love;
For that Child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above,
And He leads His children on
To the place where He is gone.**

**Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars his children crowned,
All in white shall wait around.**

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Gillian Breckenridge

Children's Focus

The Gathering of 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,
People **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.**

Glory to God

Celebrant **Glory to God in the highest,**
All **and peace to his people on earth.**
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray. *(all kneeling)*

All **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 forever. Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word

At the conclusion of each reading, the reader shall say: The word of the Lord.

And the people shall respond: **Thanks be to God.**

Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Greg Young

Gradual Hymn: Light of the Stable

Hail, hail to the newborn King,
Let our voices sing Him our praises.
Hail, hail to the guiding light
that brought us tonight to our Savior.

Chorus

Halle, hallelujah, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, hallelujah, halle, hallelujah.

Come now where it shines so bright
to the knowing light of the stable.
kneel close to the Child so dear
cast aside your fear and be thankful. *Chorus 2x*

Gospel	Luke 2:1-20	James Robinson
<i>Reader</i>	The Lord be with you.	
<i>People</i>	And also with you.	
<i>Reader</i>	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.	
<i>People</i>	Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.	
<i>Reader</i>	The Gospel of Christ.	
<i>People</i>	Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.	

Sermon The Rev. Steve Bateman

Anthem: Shepherd's Song Molly Ijames

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say, *(together, standing)*
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

The Prayers of the People *(all kneeling)*

Rachel Robinson

We respond with the words "Lord, grant us peace."

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 celebrant 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.

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 one of the ministers addresses the people:*
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn #126 Away in a Manger

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus, look down from on high
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.**

**Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with you there.**

#125 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

**Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing, nowells ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all, Christ the babe is Lord of all.**

**Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing greet tomorrow:
Christ the babe was born for you, Christ the babe was born for you.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer Over the Gifts

The Rev. Dr. Gillian Breckenridge

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 forever. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer 3.

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 **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.**

All **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.**

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. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (*all kneeling*)

Celebrant

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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.**

The Communion

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive the Eucharist.
All (baptized or not) are invited to come forward for a blessing.
If you require a gluten free wafer, please inform the person administering the bread.*

Communion Music:

Please take a candle as you return from communion
The candles will be lit and then we sing "Silent Night"

Silent Night (all kneeling)

**Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright.
Round yon virgin mother and child;
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace; Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia.
Christ the Saviour is born; Christ the Saviour is born."**

**Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace.
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth; Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.**

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Father 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.**

(Extinguish candles and all stand)

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.**

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: #118 O Come, All Ye Faithful (vs. 1-3)

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold him, born the king of angels**

Refrain **O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

**God of God, Light of Light,
Lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb
Very God, begotten not created** *Refrain*

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above
Glory to God in the highest** *Refrain*

Dismissal

Celebrant Go forth in the name of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In loving memory of our parents Roy and Dorothy Meredith
by Sue Meredith and Barb Huntrods and families.

In loving memory of Bob and Anne Legge and Connie Stroh
by the Legge, Stroh and Ledene families.

SHARING IN MINISTRY TODAY

GOSPELLER: James Robinson

INTERCESSOR: Rachel Robinson

LAY ASSISTANTS: Ade Aramide, Karen Hudson, Kathy Leonard, Judith Robinson

LECTOR: Greg Young

LITURGICAL ASSISTANT: Tom Warwick

MUSICIANS: Karen Hudson, Erinn Roberts, Reid Roberts, Tim Scott, St. Augustine's
Intergenerational Choir

SERVERS: Tabitha Ball, Cooper Roberts, McKay Roberts

SIDESPEOPLE: Bob Gschaid, Juanita Loucks

COUNT SUPERVISOR: Sherris Henley

TECHNICAL CREW: Sound: Barry Adams, Michael Larsen Videography: Ayo Aramide, Tim
Fyfe

NEWCOMER'S MINISTRY: Gladys Mwanza and Liz Raymond

FROM THE CLERGY AND THE WARDENS

We are grateful to all the regular volunteer ministers and staff who have enriched our worship during the Advent and Christmas seasons; We wish to thank our music director, Karen Hudson, our accompanist, Mary Lee Voort, the Senior Choir, the Handbell Choir under the direction of Barb Hignell, and all those providing additional music; The Children and Family Ministries Coordinator, Stef Collins; Nursery Coordinator, Esther Oluwagbemi; the Administrative Assistant, Gauri Weerakoon; the Vergers, Joelle Duda, Andrew and Elizabeth Golison; the Sound Technicians (Brad Gillespie and team) and the Video Technicians; the Sanctuary Guild; the Lay Assistants; the Lectors; the Intercessors; the Acolyte; the Liturgical Assistants, the Sidespeople; the Count Supervisors; and the Servers. Thanks to Allan Besplug, Andrew Golison and Greg Young for keeping our sidewalks clear during Christmas and through the entire winter.

To all who have come to St. Augustine's for this liturgy of Christmas:

To all who are home for a while with family and friends;

To all for whom this year has been one of crisis, suffering or sadness;

To all for whom this year has held some especially joyful event or significant achievement;

To all who have faithfully endeavoured to serve God and have enriched our common life;

To all who seek the new life of Jesus Christ in their own experience and in the world of our time;

May the peace and encouragement of Christmas remain with you always.

Christmas Day: Join us for our 11 AM Family Service. (not livestreamed)

December 26: No Thursday Eucharist as it is Boxing Day

December 29: 8 AM Holy Eucharist BCP. (chapel)

10 AM Service of Morning Prayer. (in person, livestreamed)

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