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“To Know Christ and Make Him Known”



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Order of Service
Christmas Day
Wednesday, December 25th, 2019

10:30 a.m. BAS p. 185 Holy Communion Service

Book of Alternative Services (Green Book)

Hymn Book (Common Praise)

Celebrant: The Rev. Helena-Rose Houldcroft

Music for Mass: *David Hurd*

Organ Prelude

Processional Hymn: #123 “*Once in Royal David’s City*”

Tune: Irby

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Celebrant: Last Sunday we lit the candle of love. We light it and the candles of hope, peace, and joy again as we remember that Christ, who was born in Bethlehem, will come again to fulfill all of God’s promises and bring us everlasting love.

The candles for hope, peace, joy, and love are lighted

Christmas Eve – The Candle of Christ

Reader: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth...Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life’ (*John 1: 9-14; John 8: 12*).



Celebrant: The fifth and final candle of Advent is the candle for Christ. Our Advent journey is now complete. The darkness is gone and the Light of the World is here. The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. The long-awaited Christ has come. As we light the candle for Christ, the angels sing, the shepherds draw near, and the Magi offer their gifts, we too are here with Jesus to offer our gifts and to sing praise to God as they did so long ago in Bethlehem. Jesus Christ is the true reason for hope, peace, joy, and love in this season and forever.

The candle for Christ is lighted

Celebrant: Christ is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle, celebrating the end of Advent and the arrival of Christ and Christmas, let us remember how our savior came once as a lowly baby that the world through him might be saved, and how he will return one day in glory.

Let us pray:

***People:* Loving Father, help us to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. Through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We will now sing five verses of our Advent Hymn

Hymn: “*The Advent Candle Shines*”

Tune: Maryton

1. The Advent candle shines with hope,
And faith to fuel its timeless flame.
Like the old prophet we declare,
“Immanuel”, our Saviour’s name.

2. The Advent candle shines with peace,
And warmth to care, forgive and thaw,

Like heaven's angels we announce,
"Peace on the earth, good will to all".

3. The Advent candle shines with joy,
And strength to make all darkness flee.
Like joyful shepherds we will share,
The good news of the Prince of Peace.

4. The Advent candle shines with love,
And rays of light that reach so far.
Like seeking magi we shall find,
Christ is the Bright and Morning Star.

5. The Christ long candle shines with grace,
And mercy from our God above.
Come to the light and you'll receive,
God's gifts of hope, peace, joy, and love.

The Gathering of the Community

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Gloria in Excelsis.....p. 186
Collect: O God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem, may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 52: 7-10.....OT p. 682
Psalm 98.....BAS p. 836
Second Reading: Hebrews 1: 5-12.....NT p. 218
Gradual Hymn: #136 "*While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*"
Tune: Winchester Old
The Holy Gospel: John 1: 1-14.....NT p. 91
Sermon.....The Rev. Helena-Rose Houldcroft

The People Respond to God's Word

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The Prayers of the People/Litany #13.....p. 120

Prayers for Parish Families: We pray today for Leroy & Ertle Campbell, Willie & Pauline Chan, Doreen Cheong with daughter Gail & grandson Christian, Mavis Collingwood, and Audrey De Mendonca with grandson Noah.

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Song during Peace: *“Let There be Peace on Earth”*

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment, and live each moment, with peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me

Offertory Hymn: #156 *“The People That in Darkness Sat”*

Tune: Dundee

Prayer over the Gifts: Generous Creator, in faith and joy we celebrate the birth of your Son. Increase our understanding and our love of the riches you have revealed in him, who is Lord now and forever. **Amen.**

Offertory Thanksgiving (Sung): All things come of Thee O Lord, and of Thy own have we given Thee. Amen.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

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Agnus Dei: “Jesus, Lamb of God”

Jesus lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world.
Give us your peace, give us your peace.

Communion of God’s People

(All baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion, or you may prefer to come forward to receive a blessing)

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Communion Hymn 1: #155 “From East to West, from Shore”

Tune: Puer Nobis Nascitur

Communion Hymn 2: #137 “What Child Is This”

Tune: Greensleeves

Prayer after Communion: Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

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Announcements

Recessional Hymn: #153 “Good Christians All, Rejoice”

Tune: In Dulci Jubilo

Praise (Sung): We wish you a Merry Christmas, we wish you a Merry Christmas, we wish you a Merry Christmas, and a happy New Year. Good tidings we bring to you and your kin, we wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Organ Postlude

Assisting in Today’s Services:

10:30 a.m.:

Reader: *David Finnamore*

Servers: *Michael Barrow & Lloyd Jamieson*

Chalice Bearer: *Doreen Cheong*

PARISH & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office Hours:

Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

This Week:

- Fri. 7:00 p.m.....**Alcoholics Anonymous**
- Sat. 10:30 a.m.....**Alcoholics Anonymous**
3:00 p.m.....**Immanuel Christian Church (Owen Room)**
- Sun. 8:00 a.m.....**BCP Holy Communion**
10:30 a.m.....**BCP Choral Morning Prayer**
2:00 p.m.....**Heaven’s Gate Ministries (Owen Room)**
2:00 p.m.....**Siloam City of God (Main Sanctuary)**

The Rockcliffe Service: First Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

The Bendale Acres Service: First Tuesday of the month at 2:00 p.m.

Bible Readings for Sunday, December 29th, 2019

First Sunday after Christmas

- First Reading: 63: 7-9.....OT p. 693
- Psalms: 148.....BCP p. 519
- Second Reading: Hebrews 2: 10-18.....NT p. 219
- The Holy Gospel: Matthew 2: 13-23.....NT p. 2

A Warm Welcome to Our Guests and Visitors Thank you for worshipping with us today; you have enriched our community, and we hope the service holds meaning and beauty for you. If you are returning to a distant home, we wish you God’s grace and a safe journey. However, if you live anywhere near us, and you are not an involved member of a faith community and might be seeking one, we invite you to return any Sunday so that we may continue to worship together. As well, please sign our visitor’s book which is located outside of the Owen Room.

The Christmas Newsletter is now available for pick-up in the foyer. You can also read a copy of it on our website stpetersscarborough.ca.

Visionary Meeting: The Visionary Meeting, “Recreating God’s Church” will be held on Saturday, January 4th, 2020 at St. John the Divine located at 885 Scarborough Golf Club Road from 10:00 a.m.

to 12:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the meeting. This will be an open meeting with all the congregations of St. Peter's, St. Ninian's, and St. John the Divine parishes to discuss the following six (6) topics:

1. Worship & Music
2. Children & Family
3. Youth
4. Outreach
5. Pastoral Care
6. Senior Ministry

The Steering committee will each chair one of the six topics. Please sign up for **two of the topics only** at the back of the church for this Visionary Meeting. The results of the visionary meeting will be communicated to each parish by the end of January 2020. A reminder to all that St. John the Divine is inaccessible. Therefore, if anyone would like to submit in writing their views and opinions please give Jane Lawrence a hard copy or send a digital copy to the church office.

The “Mitten Tree” is up and all it needs is mittens! Please consider placing a new pair of any type of mittens/gloves on a branch! Also, the white collection box beside the tree is for new socks, undershirts and long johns that will be gifted to the men and women who reside in the Homes First shelter at Danforth Road and St. Clair. Last day for donations is January 5th, 2020.

Vestry Reports 2019: As the year draws to a close, all parochial groups are requested to start thinking about their annual vestry reports. Please email all reports to the church office no later than **Sunday, January 19th, 2020** to assist in the timely preparation of the Vestry Reports for circulation.

Annual Vestry Meeting 2020: Our annual vestry meeting is being called for **Sunday, February 16th, 2020** after the 10:30 a.m. service in the sanctuary.

PWRDF: We are very excited to announce that this year we will be partnering with PWRDF in order to raise funds over the Christmas season. As many may know-PWRDF is an Anglican-led initiative which is active in virtually every continent across the globe and it aims to not only raise monetary funds but to better equip communities for being self-sustaining. Their annual 'World of Gifts' initiative aims to raise money that can be in turn used to purchase livestock for farms (i.e. goats, pigs, cows etc.) along with money that can be used for nutrition awareness, clean water, emergency food supplies when a crisis hits; and investing in safer more environmentally friendly farming. PWRDF also has a 'Children's Corner' so to speak-online-and they are committed to highlighting the great fundraising efforts of young people within the greater church community and will feature individual church groups and their efforts on their website! Please consider donating to PWRDF this Advent Season and donations can be earmarked on your offering envelope. More information can be found in the PWRDF magazines that are on the tables outside. Blessings, the Sunday School.

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WE
Wish
YOU A
Merry
CHRISTMAS
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Christmas Flowers

Christmas Flowers are given to the Glory of God in Loving Memory of:

- Loved ones from Lottie and Bob Bowering
- Loved ones from Aileen Brown
- Our parents and loved ones from Willie and Pauline Chan
- Loved ones from Wilhelmina Fischer
- My parents and brother; Eva, George and George Jr. from Shirley French-Lobraico
- My family from Jack Lobraico
- Loved ones from Riccardo and June Montesano
- My husband, Dave and loved ones from Sheila Savage.

In Celebration of:

- My family from Riccardo and June Montesano

In Praise and Thanksgiving for:

- Celebration of our 45th wedding anniversary on December 28th from Lottie & Bob Bowering



For
Unto
us a
CHILD
is born
Unto us a Son
is given, and the
Government shall be
Upon His shoulders,
and His Name shall be called,
Wonderful, Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace!

Isaiah 9:6

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion	8:00 a.m. every Sunday
Choral Communion	10:30 a.m. except the last Sunday
Morning Prayer	10:30 a.m. last Sunday
Sunday School	10:30 a.m. every Sunday

Adv. Board Chair	Ian Physick
Adv. Board Member at large	Barbara Cadore-Charles Lionel Surujbally
Altar Guild	Lisa Turner
Coffee Hour Coord.	Sharon Lovell
Envelope Sec.	Madge Latchana
Fundraising & Planning Committee	Bob Bowering Charles Sargeant
Outreach Coordinator	Gail Thompson
Parish Administrator	Martha Baquero
Prayer Chain	Aileen Brown
Sides-person	Don Smith
Stewardship	Charles Sargeant
Sunday School	Youvi Youvarajah
Sunshine Group	Lisa Turner
Synod Delegate	Bob Bowering
Synod Alt. Delegate	Lisa Turner
Treasurer	Caroline Hartley
Verger	Michael Barrow
Youth Group Leader	Ian Physick

STANDING NOTICES

The Church depends on your free-will offerings. Our financial program is based on weekly or monthly giving through the envelope system. Sundays in the year are open for anyone to sponsor altar flowers in memory of loved ones or in celebration of an occasion. Please see the Flower Calendar by the office door. Whether you are a member or not, you are invited to contact the Priest. Visitors are always welcome.

Information for the Priest: Please mark X in required section and tear off.

Give to one of the sidespersons or place on the offertory plate.

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