

Sunday, December 27, 2020 1st Sunday after Christmas Morning Prayer Service

This Sunday Roster

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Maria

Worship Leader: **Fenella** Reader: **Belle** Intercessor: **Amy** Host: **Terence**

Introduction before starting service – Fenella

We invite parishioners joining the live online service to join in on responses as you would in regular worship, but please note that all will be muted except for those scheduled to serve in the worship. This service will be recorded and subsequently posted to our website.

Opening Sentence (P. 276) – Fenella

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Colossians 3:15, 16

The Peace (P.192) - Rev. Maria

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

People: And also with you.

Grace (P.185) - Rev. Maria

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.

Confession (P.45) - Fenella

Leader: 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:

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.

Absolution (P.46) - Rev. Maria

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.

A Reading from Galatians 4:4-7 - Belle

Reader:

⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶ And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' ⁷ So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader: The word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn – Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

- 1. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King; Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
- 2. Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord! Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of the Virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail the incarnate Deity, Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

3. Hail the heavenborn Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings,
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hymn leader: Adonis Ng

Accompaniment: www.smallchurchmusic.com

Music: Felix Mendelssohn Text: Charles Wesley

Hymns of Universal Praise #105

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Gospel Luke 2:22-40 - Rev. Maria

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: Jesus Is Presented in the Temple

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

^{29 &#}x27;Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

The Return to Nazareth

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon – Rev. Maria

The Apostles' Creed (P.52) - Fenella

Leader: Let us confess our faith, 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.

which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

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 (P.120 Litany 13 Incarnation) – Amy

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish: Rev. Maria Ling's transition to St. E, 2021 ministry planning

Anglican: All Christians in other denominations

Diocesan: The Members of the Order of the Diocese of Toronto

Infirm: Esther Chen, Susan Xu's mother Dian-lan Feng

Please join in the response indicated by the Intercessor

Intercessor: In joy and humility let us pray to the creator of the

universe, saying, "Lord, grant us peace."

Intercessor: By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the

angel, hear us, O Lord.

People: Lord, grant us peace.

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

People: Lord, grant us peace.

Intercessor: By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, hear us, O

Lord.

People: Lord, grant us peace.

Intercessor: By the manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds

and magi, hear us, O Lord.

People: Lord, grant us peace.

Intercessor: By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and

Joseph of Nazareth, hear us, O Lord.

People: Lord, grant us peace.

Intercessor: By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear

us, O Lord.

People: Lord, grant us peace.

Intercessor: Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the

kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; hear us, O

Lord.

People: Lord, grant us peace.

Intercessor: Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your

Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

Collect of the Day (P. 276) - Amy

Intercessor: Let us pray.
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 (P.54) – Rev. Maria

Celebrant: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as

our Saviour taught us,

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your

kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing (P.683 ii) - Rev. Maria

Celebrant: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your

hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of

his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be

among you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

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Dismissal - Fenella

Leader: Let us bless the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Next Sunday Jan 3 10:15am

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Host: Fenella

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