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Please be aware that our Sunday service is video streamed to our You Tube channel for public viewing. If you feel sensitive to this thought and wish to remain out of the occasional line of view, consider sitting in the back left two rows of pews. Thank you.



#### Dear Little Saints-Welcome from all the Big Saints

Before the service even starts, you will need to prepare

Upcoming is a longish sit and grownups want you there

Instead of wiggling, yawning, sighing You could be bright new markers trying or putting stickers in your book Or even ..take a little look Oh joy, cause somebody loves me true There's juice or sweets or cookies too

When you've been good as gold for ever and still the talking lasts forever just dig inside and have a treat Your Sunday sack is really "sweet"!!!!!! (and also is a take home treat!)

**We welcome all children** to our worship. There is no Sunday Church School at this time. Please ask the ushers for a children's bulletin and/or help them fill a bag with activities and treats from the basket in the narthex.

**Communion:** All are welcome. Please let an usher know if you need to take Communion in your seat.

Offerings can be left in the trays at the back until the Gathering Song is sung.

#### Please take this bulletin home for recycling. Thank you

**No Scents Makes Good Sense.** Members have indicated that they suffer discomfort from perfumes, hair sprays, colognes, and after-shave lotions. Please help us provide a scent-free environment.

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

# Tuesday, December 24, 2024.

#### **GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude — What Child Is This? arr Paul Manz Solo Hazel Heaney Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Welcome

**Acknowledgment of Territory** 

All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church exists on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron / Neutral People. We honour the original ancestors of this land and also offer respect and friendship to our Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe, Mississauga and Métis neighbours.

We give thanks for the First Peoples and all who have cared for the land and made it possible for us to dwell and do ministry on this land, and we commit ourselves to walk in right relations with one another.

Lights in the church are dimmed.

Gathering Hymn Once In Royal David's City (next page)

*Verse one – Soloist – congregation seated* 

Lights in the church are brightened.

Remaining verses – Whole church sings and congregation stands

#### **Once In Royal David's City**



# Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** 

Jesus, you are God's holy child, born of Mary. **Lord, have mercy.** 

Jesus, in you all the fullness of God is pleased to dwell. **Christ, have mercy.** 

Jesus, you are the Word made flesh, full of grace and truth.

Lord, have mercy.

#### Hymn of Praise



# Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, from the tabernacle of heaven to the poverty of a stable, your radiant light shines forth in a tiny baby wrapped in rags. Such humble love astounds us! In Jesus you have become one with us that we might become one with you. Open our hearts to joyfully receive this love, that Jesus may be born in us, and we in him, for we pray in his most holy name. **Amen** 

*Please be seated. The Congregation may remain seated throughout the readings and carols.* 

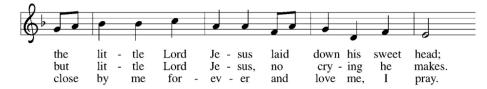
Choir Anthem—Can You See the Light?

## First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian... For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.











## Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

<sup>11</sup> The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, <sup>12</sup> training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, <sup>13</sup> while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup> He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

#### Hymn O Come, Little Children

O come, little children; O come, one and all. Look into the manger in Bethlehem's stall; For there, little children, on this holiest night, Our God sends from heaven his Son, your delight.

He lies there before you, asleep in the hay, With Mary and Joseph to guard him and pray. The wondering shepherds look in at the door, And seeing the infant, they kneel and adore.

Adore like the shepherds! Your glad voices raise With those of the angels who sing in his praise. Your chorus will echo from earth to the sky, With "Glory to God in his heaven most high."

#### Christmas Pageant

Pageant Hymns:

The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

#### What Child Is This?

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.

# We Three Kings

We three kings of Orent are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star. Oh...
Star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright.
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light!

#### Sermon

#### Please stand

## Hymn of the Day O Come, All Ye Faithful

(Verses 1 - 3 only)



## **Prayers of Intercession**

Filled with good news of great joy, let us offer our prayers for the church, the earth, and all people.

Angels sing with praise, and shepherds run with haste. As we glorify and praise you in this place, send us into the world, proclaiming the salvation you have revealed this night. God of grace,

## receive our prayer.

The seas roar and the trees of the forest sing for joy. As creation resounds with praise, inspire us with awe, reverence, and a renewed care for all that fills the fields, skies, and seas. God of grace,

#### receive our prayer.

The nations declare your glory. Uphold the leaders of the earth with your justice and righteousness. Break the rod of the oppressor in every land, and bring peace where there is conflict, especially Ukraine and Russia; Israel, Gaza, and all the land we call holy; and the broken and war-torn land of Sudan. God of grace,

## receive our prayer.

The holy family finds shelter around the animals' manger. Draw near to persons experiencing homelessness, those who are alone this holiday season, those who are ill, and all for whom this world makes no room. Wrap all your children in bands of love and mercy. God of grace,

## receive our prayer.

A child is born for us and light shines on the weary. Watch over those who give birth this night and attend to those who are dying. Be present in our joys and in our sorrows. God of grace,

## receive our prayer.

The heavenly host praises you. With thanksgiving for Mary, Joseph, and all your saints, sustain us in the blessed hope revealed this night. Fashion us by their example into a people zealous for good deeds, sharing your love and mercy with all. God of grace,

## receive our prayer.

We commend these prayers to you, O God, trusting your grace made known through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

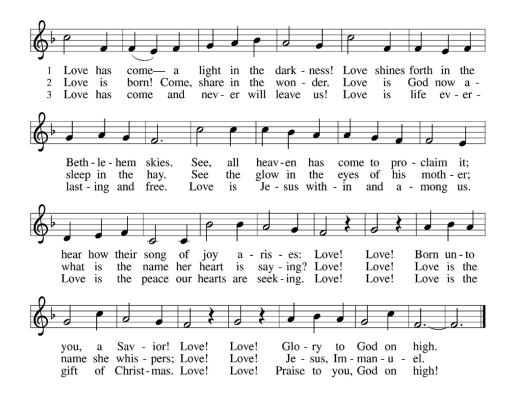
Amen.

#### **Peace**

May the peace of Christ be with you all! **And also with you.** 



#### Offertory: Love Has Come



#### Offertory Prayer

#### Let us pray:

Good and loving God:

We rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. Bless the gifts we offer this night and let them be a blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Holy Child. **Amen** 

# **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Eucharistic Prayer** 

# Lord's Prayer

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 and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

## **Communion Hymns:**

#### It Came upon the Midnight Clear



- It came up on the mid night clear, that glo rious song of old,
- 2 Still through the clo ven skies they come with peace-ful wings un furled,
- 3 And you, be neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend-ing low,
- 4 For lo! The days are has-t'ning on, by proph-ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold: and still their heav'n-ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world who toil a - long the climb-ing way with pain - ful steps and slow: when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



'Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king.''
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing, look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing; when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen-dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still-ness lay to hear the an - gels sing, and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing, oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing! and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.



#### O Little Town of Bethlehem



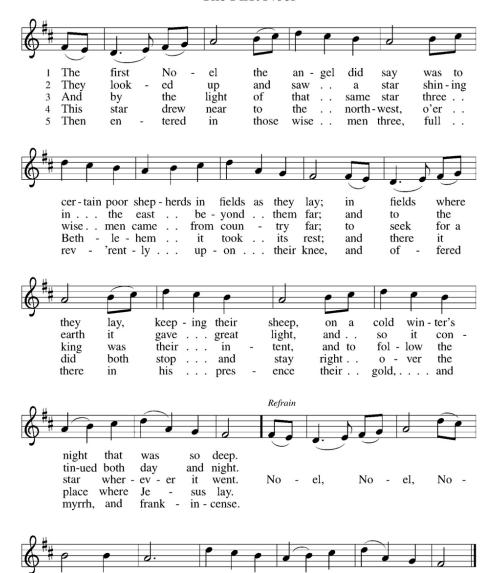


#### Hark! The Herald Angels Sing





#### The First Noel



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# **Table Blessing**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep, and unite us now and forever. **Amen** 

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

God of light, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. Send us forth into the world to be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen** 

# Service of Light

The God who said, "Let there be light," has caused light to shine in our hearts.

# That light is the glory of God reflected in the face of Jesus Christ.

As our candles are a sea of light lit from the light of Christ, so may the church reflect Christ's light and love in the world.

## Lighting of the Candles

Scripture is read while the hand candles are lit. Hold the lit candle upright. TIP ONLY THE UNLIT CANDLE so no wax is spilled.

The church lights are dimmed. Following the readings, a moment of silence is observed.

# Hymn Silent Night



#### Benediction

Almighty God, the One who is, who was, and who will be, the Word + made flesh, the Holy and Life-giving Spirit, bless you and keep you now and forever.

#### Amen

Ushers turn the lights back on.

The handheld candles are carefully extinguished.

# Sending Hymn **Joy to the World!**



## Dismissal

Go out with joy to the world. Serve in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude — Noel, Daquin