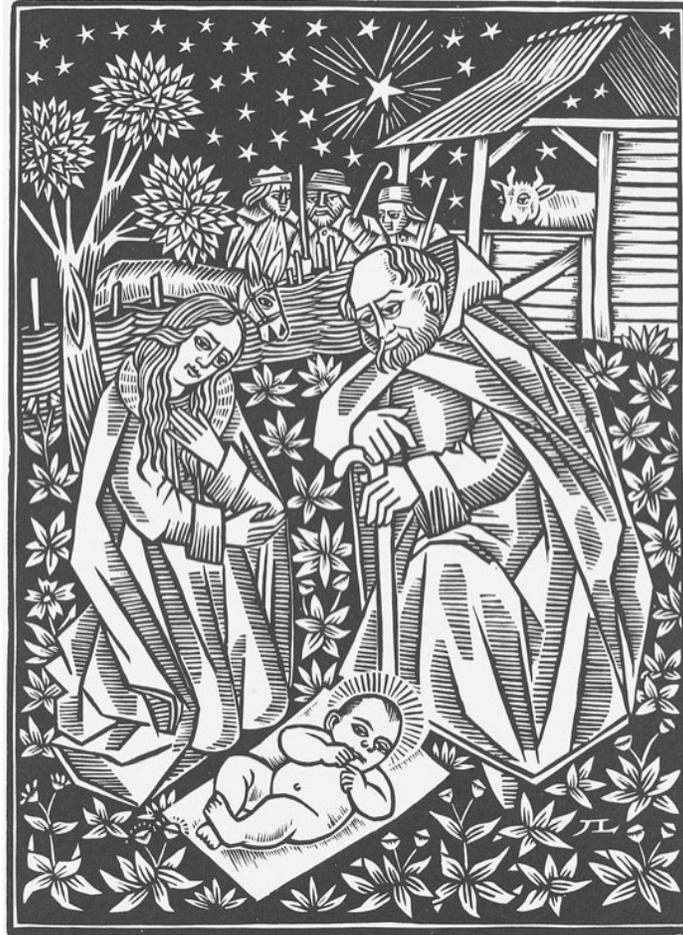


**The Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador**



7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve

The Holy Eucharist (BAS)

Opening Hymn **O come, all ye faithful** (vv.1-5)

1. 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:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, CHRIST the LORD.

2. God of God,
 Light of Light,
 Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
 Very God,
 Begotten, not created;
O come, let us adore him...

4. See how the shepherds,
 Summoned to his cradle
 Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
 We too will thither
 Bend our joyful footsteps:
O come, let us adore him...

3. Sing, choirs of angels,
 Sing in exultation,
 Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,
 Glory to God
 In the Highest;
O come, let us adore him...

5. Yea, LORD, we greet thee,
 Born this happy morning,
 JESU, to thee be glory given
 Word of the FATHER
 Now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him...

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God,

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

Glory to God in the highest,
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

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 for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalm 98

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
 for he has done marvellous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
 has he won for himself the victory.**
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
 his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
 and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
 lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
 with the harp and the voice of song.**
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
 shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
 the lands and those who dwell therein.**

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.

**10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.**

Hebrews 1:1-12

Gradual **While shepherds watched their flocks by night**

1. While shepherds watched their flocks
by night.

All seated on the ground,
The angel of the LORD came down,
And glory shone around.

2. 'Fear not,' said he (for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind);
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind.

3. 'To you, in David's town, this day
Is born of David's line
A SAVIOUR, who is CHRIST the LORD;
And this shall be the sign:

4. 'The heavenly Babe you there shall find
To human view displayed.
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
And in a manger laid.'

5. Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels, praising GOD, who thus
Addressed their joyful song:

6. 'All glory be to GOD on high,
And to the earth be peace;
Good will henceforth from heaven to men
Begin, and never cease.'

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel **John 1:1-14**

The Gospel of Christ **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

The Right Reverend Samuel Rose

The Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Confession & Absolution

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. Let us turn to the light and confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

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.

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. **Amen.**

The Peace

Unto us a child is born, Unto us a son is given,
 And his name shall be called The Prince of Peace. The peace of the Lord be always
 with you.

And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**Offertory Hymn O little town of Bethlehem**

1. O LITTLE town of Bethlehem,
 How still we see the lie;
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
 The silent stars go by:
 Yet in thy dark streets shineth
 The everlasting Light;
 The hopes and fears of all the years
 Are met in thee to-night

2. For CHRIST is born of Mary;
 And gathered all above,
 While mortals sleep, the angels keep
 Their watch of wondering love.
 O morning stars, together
 Proclaim the holy birth,
 And praises sing to GOD the King,
 And peace to men on earth!

3. How silently, how silently,
 The wondrous gift is given!
 So God imparts to human hearts
 The blessings of his heaven:
 No ear may hear his coming;
 But in this world of sin,
 Where meek souls will receive him, still
 The dear Christ enters in.

4. O Holy Child of Bethlehem,
 Descend to us , we pray;
 Cast out our sin, and enter in;
 Be born in us to-day.
 We hear the heavenly angels
 The great glad tidings tell:
 O come to us, abide with us,
 Our LORD Immanuel.

Prayer over the Gifts

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 for ever. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

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.

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.

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.

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,

we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

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 for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

Lord, give us this bread always.

THE COMMUNION

During Communion **Silent night, holy night**

1. SILENT night! holy night!
All is calm, all is bright.
Yonder the Virgin-Mother and Child,
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night! holy night!
Only for shepherds' sight
Came blest visions of angel throngs,
With their loud alleluia songs,
Saying, CHRIST is come,
Saying, CHRIST is come.

3. Silent night! holy night!
Child of heaven, O how bright
Thou didst smile on us when thou wast born,
Blest indeed was that happy morn,
Full of heavenly joy,
Full of heavenly joy.

Prayer after Communion

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.**

Glory to God, 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.

The Blessing

May the joy of the angels, The eagerness of the shepherds, The perseverance of the wise men, The obedience of Joseph and Mary, And the peace of the Christ-child Be yours this Christmas; And may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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 new-born King.*

2. CHRIST, by highest heaven adored,
 CHRIST, the everlasting LORD,
 Late in time behold him come,
 Offspring of a Virgin's womb.
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
 Hail, the Incarnate Deity!
 Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
 JESUS, our Emmanuel.

*Hark! The herald angels sing.
 Glory to the new-born King.*

3. Hail, the heaven-born 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 new-born King.*

The Dismissal

In celebration of the birth of the Prince of Peace, let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

A Happy and Blessed Christmas to all!