



# *Christmas Eve*

*10:30 p.m. Service*

*I bring you tidings of Great Joy.*

*Luke 2:10*

***St. Margaret Of Scotland  
Anglican Church***

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Sunday Services: 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Service: 11:00 a.m.

*We warmly welcome you here this evening to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. If this is your first visit to our church we hope you will consider making St. Margaret's your church home.*

*For your convenience we have provided an envelope for your Christmas donation. Receipts will be issued for gifts of \$10.00 or more unless otherwise requested.*

**Assisting this evening:**

Celebrant/	
Preacher:	The Rev. Susan Snelling
Server:	Beth Steffler
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading:	Beth Steffler
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading:	Maggie Prentice
Prayers:	Peter Beckett
Gospel:	Peter Beckett
Music:	Craig Snider
Audio/Visual:	David Paradis
Sidespersons:	Kevin Lemoine, John Snow

# *Christmas Eve Service*

December 24, 2022 10:30 p.m.

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

**Processional:**

*(Congregation have their candles lit.)*

**Hymn:** *Oh Come All Ye Faithful*

**#118 HB**

## THE GREETING:

**Leader:** I bring you good news of great joy:  
A saviour has been born to you! Alleluia!

**All:** **Unto us a child is born, a son is given. Alleluia!**

**Gloria:** *Glory to God on High*

**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:**

**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

**First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7**

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

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 all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: 96**

**REFRAIN: All the ends of the earth have sent the salvation of our God.**

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the whole earth. Sing to the Lord and bless his name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples. For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods. **R**

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but it is the Lord who made the heavens. Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! Oh, the power and the splendour of his sanctuary! Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the Lord honour and power. Ascribe to the Lord the honour due his name; bring offerings and come into his courts. **R**

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him. Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity." Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein. **R**

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, when he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth. **R**

**Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14**

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO TITUS

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel: Luke 2:1-20**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE**

**People: Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria.

All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David.

He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child.

And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of Christ.

**People: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**

**SERMON: Rev. Susan Snelling**

**People: Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (#13):

(In joy and humility let us pray to the creator of the universe, saying, "Lord, grant us peace.")

By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel, hear us, O Lord. **Lord, grant us peace.**

By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O Lord. **Lord, grant us peace.**

By the birth in time of the timeless son of God, hear us, O Lord. **Lord, grant us peace.**

By the manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us, O Lord. **Lord, grant us peace.**

By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, hear us, O Lord. **Lord, grant us peace.**

By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O Lord. **Lord, grant us peace.**

Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, hear us, O Lord. **Lord, grant us peace.**

## **CONFESSION & 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.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

**All: 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 you 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 you 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.

**All: Amen.**

THE PEACE:

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

**People: And also with you.**

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

Offertory Hymn *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

**#138 HB**

PRAYER OVER 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.**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: (#2)

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: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through who you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices 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: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take and eat": this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who

share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

**People:** Amen.

**BREAKING OF BREAD: (#6)**

**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.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Celebrant:** And now, as our Saviour has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All:** 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.

**AGNES DEI – LAMB OF GOD**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Grant us peace.**

**Communion Hymns:**

*In the Bleak Midwinter Snow*

#122 HB

*What Child is This*

#137 HB

**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.**

**THE DOXOLOGY:**

**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.**

**CHRISTMAS BLESSING:**

**Leader:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Recessional:** *Joy to the World*

#154 HB

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*We wish you all  
A happy, healthy & blessed New Year*