



Church of St. John the Evangelist

Bulletin for the Circumcision of Christ

Octave Day of Christmas

January 1, 2021

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Weekly Schedule of Services

SUN 10:30 am	High Mass	In the church Facebook Live Recording posted to YouTube
SUN 5:00 pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
WED 7:30 p.m	Compline	Zoom

[facebook.com/redroof.ca](https://www.facebook.com/redroof.ca)

YouTube: [@redroof church](https://www.youtube.com/@redroofchurch)

Permanent Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/332912007>
(or by phone 438-809-7799 Meeting ID: 332 912 007)

*We ask that those who plan to attend in person inform the church ahead of time while our capacity is limited.
E-mail Beth Reed at rwarden@redroof.ca or phone the office and leave message at 514-288-4428.*

Social Distancing Measures for In-Person Worship

For those visiting for the first time, welcome to St. John the Evangelist! And for our parishioners returning to worship in the church, welcome back! We ask that you please respect the following social distancing measures while worshipping in the church:

- **Please follow the directions of ushers** as you enter, are directed to your seat and as you exit.
- **Masks are required throughout the service.**
- **Please clean your hands with sanitizer on the way in.**
- **Please give your name and contact information to the greeter at the door.** This is important information for public health officials in the event that contact tracing becomes necessary.
- **Please stay at your seat throughout the service.** Communion will be brought to the congregation at their seats.
- **ONLY the cantor may sing.**
- **Enter** through the main doors on President Kennedy, and **exit** through the back door on the Gospel side.
- The **bathroom** is located in the hallway to the left, through the door at the back of the church. Please be aware that a volunteer will need to clean it after each use.

AN ORDER OF SERVICE - HIGH MASS

Friday January 1, 2021- 10:30 a.m.

Organ Prelude. Prelude-chorale on *Lobt Gott, ihr Christen, allzugleich*, BWV 609, By J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

The cantor this morning is Carole Le Dez.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE INTRODUCTORY RITE

The people stand at the sound of the bell.

Introit. *Sung by the CANTOR ONLY.*

Antiphon. Unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his Name shall be called, Angel of mighty Counsel. *Psalm.* O sing unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvellous things. *Gloria patri.* Repeat *antiphon.*

Priest. Let us pray. *The people kneel.*

Priest. Our Father who art in heaven hallowed by 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 them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. **Amen.**

Priest. Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Deacon. Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

People. **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Kyrie eleison. *Sung by the CANTOR ONLY.*

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Gloria in Excelsis. *Sung by the CANTOR ONLY. The people stand.*

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we glorify thee. We give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy, thou only art the Lord; thou only O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collects of the Day

Priest. The Lord be with you.

People. **And with thy spirit.**

Priest. Let us pray. *The people kneel.*

Almighty God, who hast given us thy only begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin: Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Almighty God, who madest thy blessed Son to be circumcised, and obedient to the law for man: Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit; that, our hearts, and all our members, being mortified from all worldly and carnal lusts, we may in all things obey thy blessed will; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Immortal Lord God, who inhabitest eternity, and hast brought thy servants to the beginning of another year: Pardon, we humbly beseech thee our transgressions in the past, bless to us this New Year, and graciously abide with us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The people sit.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 9: 2-7

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian. For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning, and fuel of fire. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Gradual. *Sung by the CANTOR ONLY.*

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God: O be joyful in God, all ye lands. The Lord hath declared his salvation: in the sight of the heathen hath he openly shewed his righteousness.

The Epistle

Ephesians 2: 11-18

Remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; that at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: but now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances, for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; and that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: and came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

Alleluia. *Sung by the CANTOR ONLY. The people stand.*

Alleluia. Alleluia. God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the Prophets: hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son. Alleluia.

The Gospel

St. Luke 2: 15-21

Deacon. The Lord be with you.

People. **And with thy spirit.**

Deacon. The Holy Gospel is written in the second chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Luke, beginning at the fifteenth verse.

People. **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it

wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying, and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them. And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

People. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

Priest and people together.

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; Through whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

THE SERMON

Father Keith Schmidt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Verse. *Sung by the CANTOR ONLY.*

The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine; thou hast laid the foundations of the round world, and all that herein is: righteousness and equity are the habitation of thy seat.

No collection will be taken, but a plate is available to receive offerings after the service, near the exit.

Offertory Motet. Aria "How beautiful are the feet," from *Messiah*, HWV 56, by G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

The people stand to receive the censuring from the thurifer, bowing in response.

Priest. Pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People. **May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name, to our benefit, and to that of all his holy Church.**

THE INTERCESSIONS

Deacon. Let us pray for Christ's holy Catholic Church.

The deacon offers the biddings. (See page 14.) After praying for the departed, the deacon says:

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. **Amen.**

The people kneel.

Priest. Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: we humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to

receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: And grant unto thy servant *ELIZABETH* our Queen, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and specially to thy servants *MARY* our bishop, *DAVID* our metropolitan, *LINDA* our primate, and *JUSTIN*, Archbishop of Canterbury, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments.

Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and specially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those for whom our prayers are desired.

We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; especially the ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed John the Evangelist our Patron, and all thy saints, beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon. Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Priest and people together. **ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Priest. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Deacon. Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Matthew 11:28 Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

John 3:16 God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Deacon. Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

1 Timothy 1:15 This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Deacon. Hear also what Saint John saith.

1 John 2:1-2 If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest. The Lord be with you;

People. **And with thy spirit.**

Priest. Lift up your hearts;

People. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Priest. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

People. **It is meet and right so to do.**

Priest. It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things. Because thou didst give Jesus Christ thine only Son to be born as at this time for us; who, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, was made very man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

Sanctus and Benedictus. *Sung by the CANTOR ONLY.*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

The Consecration

Priest. Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise after supper he took the Cup and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all the holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; and we pray that by the power of the Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

Priest. And now, as our saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say.

Priest and people together. **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 them that 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.

Priest. The peace of the Lord be always with you;

People. **And with thy spirit.**

Priest and people together. **WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.**

THE COMMUNION

Agnus Dei. *Sung by the CANTOR ONLY.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

Priest. Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

The priest will offer communion at your seat. To receive, hold out your hands. A server will sanitize your hands before the priest offers the host. To receive a blessing instead, cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Sentence. *Sung by the CANTOR ONLY.*

All the ends of the world: have seen the salvation of our God.

Communion Motet. Prelude-chorale on *In dulci jubilo* by J. M. Bach (1648-1694)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

Priest. Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

Priest and people together. **AND HERE we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ.**

Priest. We beseech thee, O Lord, graciously to accept these our prayers and oblations, that we being cleansed by these heavenly mysteries, may obtain of thy great mercy the fulfilment of our desires, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God world without end. **Amen.**

The Peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The people stand.

Deacon. Depart in Peace.

People. **Thanks be to God.**

THE LAST GOSPEL

Priest. The Lord be with you.

People. **And with thy spirit.**

Priest. The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to John

People. **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness overcame it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his Name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. (*The people genuflect.*) And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only-begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth.

People. **Thanks be to God.**

THE ANGELUS

At the crib.

Minister. The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary;

People. **And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.**

Minister. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

People. **Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

Minister. Behold the handmaid of the Lord;

People. **Be it unto me according to thy word.**

Minister. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

People. **Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

Minister. And the word was made flesh;

People. **And dwelt among us.** *The people genuflect.*

Minister. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

People. **Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

Minister. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God;

People. **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Minister. Let us pray. We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his Resurrection, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Postlude. In dir ist Freude, BWV 165, by J. S. Bach

ORDER OF SERVICE - EVENING PRAYER
Friday, January 1 – 5:00 p.m. (Online on Zoom)

Minister. O Lord, open thou our lips;

People. **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Minister. O God, make speed to save us;

People. **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Minister. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

People. **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Minister. Praise ye the Lord;

People. **The Lord's Name be praised.**

Psalm 125 *Minister says odd-numbered verses, people say even-numbered verses.*

1 They that put their trust in the LORD are even as the mount Sion, / which may not be removed, but standeth fast for ever.

2 The hills stand about Jerusalem: / even so standeth the LORD round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.

3 For the sceptre of the ungodly shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; / lest the righteous put their hand unto wickedness.

4 Do well, O LORD, unto those that are good, / and unto them that are true of heart.

5 As for such as turn aside to their own crooked ways, / the LORD shall lead them forth with the evil doers; but peace be upon Israel.

Minister. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

People. **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Psalm 126

1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Sion, / then were we like unto them that dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, / and our tongue with joy.

3 Then said they among the nations, / 'The LORD hath done great things for them.'

4 Yea, the LORD hath done great things for us already; / whereof we rejoice.

5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, / as the rivers in the South.

6 They that sow in tears / shall reap in joy.

7 He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth his seed, / shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

Minister. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

People. **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Psalm 127

1 Except the LORD build the house, / their labour is but lost that build it.

2 Except the LORD keep the city, / the watchman keepeth vigil but in vain.

3 It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so late take rest, and eat the bread of carefulness; / for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

4 Lo, children and the fruit of the womb / are an heritage and gift that cometh of the LORD.

5 Like as the arrows in the hand of the giant, / even so are the children of one's youth.

6 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: / they shall not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate.

Minister. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

People. **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

“And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God has driven you, and return to the LORD your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you this day, with all your heart and with all your soul; then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes, and have compassion upon you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you. If your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there he will fetch you; and the LORD your God will bring you into the land which your fathers. And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live. And the LORD your God will put all these curses upon your foes and enemies who persecuted you. And you shall again obey the voice of the LORD, and keep all his commandments which I command you this day. The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, and in the fruit of your cattle, and in the fruit of your ground; for the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, as he took delight in your fathers, if you obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, if you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

“For this commandment which I command you this day is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will go up for us to heaven, and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will go over the sea for us, and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ But the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.

“See, I have set before you this day life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you this day, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his ordinances, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land which you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you this day, that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land which you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice, and cleaving to him; for that means life to you and length of days, that you may dwell in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them”

Magnificat. *Minister and people together.*

Antiphon. **Heirs are we of a great mystery; the womb of her that knew not man is become the temple of the Godhead; he, of a Virgin incarnate, suffereth no defilement; all the nations shall gather saying: Glory to thee, O Lord.**

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel; As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Antiphon. **Heirs are we of a great mystery; the womb of her that knew not man is become the temple of the Godhead; he, of a Virgin incarnate, suffereth no defilement; all the nations shall gather saying: Glory to thee, O Lord.**

See to it that no one makes a prey of you by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fulness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fulness of life in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of flesh in the circumcision of Christ; and you were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, having canceled the bond which stood against us with its legal demands; this he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the principalities and powers and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in him.

Nunc Dimittis. *Minister and people together.*

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Apostles' Creed. *Minister and people together.*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Minister. The Lord be with you;

People. **And with thy spirit.**

Minister. Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

People. **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Minister. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer. *Minister and people together.*

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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Minister. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People. **And grant us thy salvation.**

Minister. O Lord, save the Queen;

People. **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Minister. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

People. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Minister. O Lord, save thy people;

People. **And bless thine inheritance.**

Minister. Give peace in our time, O Lord;

People. **And evermore mightily defend us.**

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us;

People. **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us**

Collects. *Said by the Minister.*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us thy only begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin: Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Almighty God, who madest thy blessed Son to be circumcised, and obedient to the law for man: Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit; that, our hearts, and all our members, being mortified from all worldly and carnal lusts, we may in all things obey thy blessed will; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Immortal Lord God, who inhabitest eternity, and hast brought thy servants to the beginning of another year: Pardon, we humbly beseech thee our transgressions in the past, bless to us this New Year, and graciously abide with us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

O Lord Christ, who art both Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, and whose years shall not fail: Grant us so to pass through the coming year with faithful hearts, that in all things we may please thee and glorify thy name; who livest and reignest with thee Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God world without end. Amen.

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

Minister and people together. **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of**

THE ANGELUS

Minister. The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary;

People. **And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.**

Minister. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

People. **Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

Minister. Behold the handmaid of the Lord;

People. **Be it unto me according to thy word.**

Minister. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

People. **Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

Minister. And the word was made flesh

People. **And dwelt among us.**

Minister. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

People. **Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

Minister. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God;

People. **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Minister. Let us pray. We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his Resurrection, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

We remember in our Prayers: St. Michael and all Angels, Winnipeg; Our Diocesan prayer partners, The Territory of the People and the Diocese of Masasi; and the community of St. Michael's Mission. We continue to pray for our collective health and resilience during the pandemic.

We pray for those who suffer injustice and those who work for justice and peace, for all the peoples of the world contending with political extremism, violence and polarization. For our Earth and its living systems, and those suffering from natural and human-caused disasters.

For those in special need: Sandra Guillaume, Glenn Cartwright, Fr. Arthur Klassen, Melanie Carmichael, Alain, and Lina and Vince Cannarsal, Chilion Heward, and Pauline St-Martin.

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We remember those who have died, especially Reed Nelson among the recently departed.

Commemorations (December 27 – January 2)

- Sun** Jane Alice Herbert, William George McConnell, Raoul De Serres, Gertrude Goulden, Arnot Peel
Mon Benjamin Hutchison, Louise Reynolds
Tues Amy Florence Melville, George Sanford Davis, Anne Craig, Raymond John O'Keefe, Amy Elizabeth Thompson, Gloria Traill
Wed Setrack Hazarian, George Joseph McDonald, Thelma Mary Kavanagh, Mary Maud Kavanagh, Walter Walker (priest), Walter Alexander Britton
Thu Fanny Louisa Wells, Bessie Kittson, Sarah Morris, Annie Alexander, Ellen Billing, Eva Agnes Midgley, Sam Willie Annahutuk
Fri Charles Albert Corrigan, Mary Elizabeth Catherine Bouchette, Walter Rogers, Margaret Jane Betts, Lucy Bethia Wallace, Melville Hood McPhail, May Best Chandler
Sat Elizabeth Anna Martin, Donald McIntyre, Kate Minta, Leonard Smith (priest), Lillian Wiles, Charles Edward Higgins, Arthur Wilton Hankinson

Please contact Mother Wendy or Father Keith with additions or changes to the prayer list.



CHRISTMAS AND EPIPHANY AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday Jan 3, 10:30 a.m.	Solemn High Mass – Christmas II	In the church Facebook Live Recording posted to YouTube
Sunday Jan 3, 5:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday Jan 6, 5:45 p.m.	Solemn High Mass for Epiphany	In the church Facebook Live Recording posted to YouTube
Wednesday Jan 6, 7:30 p.m.	Compline	Zoom

Weekday Low Masses

Wednesday Jan. 13, 9:30 a.m.	Baptism of Our Lord	In the church
Monday Jan. 25, 5:45 p.m.	Conversion of St Paul	In the church

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*We ask that those who plan to attend in person inform the church ahead of time while our capacity is limited.
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Resources during Covid-19

We encourage everyone to practice self-care when it comes to your physical and mental health, including your news and social media consumption. We also need to be mindful of the health of others and consider their risk as well as our own as we return to civic life. Some resources you may find helpful during this time are:

For information about coronavirus and COVID-19, visit www.quebec.ca/coronavirus (for Quebec), or <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html> (for Canada).

Quebec Mental Health Resource Guide

The [St. John the Evangelist Quarantine Check-In](#) is an anonymous forum for people to share their thoughts, fears and hopes as they evolve during this period of uncertainty.

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