

**Welcome to St. Paul's Church
The Anglican Parish of Rothesay**



Sunday, December 24, 2017

Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m.

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**HOLY EUCHARIST
& CHILDREN'S PAGEANT**

The Gathering of the Community

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest Heav'n adored; Christ the everlasting Lord;
Late in time, behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'nly Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n 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!"

The Greeting

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.**

Celebrant Almighty God,
All **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.**

The Collect for Christmas

Celebrant

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 Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament 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 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 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.
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm (96)

R. Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord. O sing a new song to the LORD; sing to the LORD, all the earth. O sing to the LORD; bless his name. **R.** Proclaim his salvation day by day. Tell among the nations his glory, and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.** Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad; let the sea and all within it thunder praise. Let the land and all it bears rejoice. Then will all the trees of the wood shout for joy. **R.**

At the presence of the LORD, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with justice; he will govern the peoples with his truth. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation

All stand

The Gospel Reading

Luke 2:1-20

*The Lord be with you. / **And also with you.** A Reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **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 favors!" 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 the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

The Birth of Jesus: A St. Paul's Christmas Play

Voice 1: *Logan Fowlie* **Voice 2:** *Sarah Harrigan*
Mary: *Maya Richards* **Joseph:** *Hunter Mullinger*
Baby Jesus: *Hazel DeWare*
Angels: *Abby Sancton, Molly Sancton, Adelaide Montgomery*
Shepherds: *Liam McNutt, Sean Johnston,*
Henry Deboise, Henry Cowan
Set Assistant: *Liam Fowlie*

And a whole flock of sheep!



The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Offertory Carol "Away in a Manger"

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes;
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for Heaven to live with Thee there.

Eucharistic Prayer (2)

Celebrant
People

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The celebrant praises God for his mighty acts. All sing together:

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.

All kneel. The celebrant continues with the consecration. At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, all respond, Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

All

Our Father ...

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant

We break this 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.**

Celebrant

The gifts of God for the people of God

All

Thanks be to God.

If you are baptized and receive Communion in your own church, you are welcome to receive Communion with us tonight. Children are invited to come forward for a blessing. Please come forward down the centre aisle and return to your pew by the side aisle.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant

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.

All

Amen.

Celebrant
All

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

The Dismissal

Celebrant
All

Go in peace, proclaiming the Word made flesh.
Thanks be to God.

"Joy to the World"

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, and Heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love.



**Flowers for our Christmas Services are given to the Glory of God and
in loving memory of:**

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