

St. Augustine's Church

A Church Family in the Heart of the City



December 31, 2023, 10:00 AM

First Sunday after Christmas
Morning Prayer
December 31, 2023

Prelude

Opening Hymn: #143 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Gillian Breckenridge

Children's Focus

The Penitential Rite

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Psalm 51.18

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found, call upon him when he draws near; let the wicked forsake their ways, and the evil ones their thoughts; and let them return to the Lord, and he will have compassion, and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

Isaiah 55.6, 7

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1.8, 9

The officiant says to the people,

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

All kneeling and silence is kept. The officiant and people say together,

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.

Officiant 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.

People **Amen.**

(all standing)

Officiant Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,

People **May all the earth be filled with his glory.**

Officiant Light has sprung up for the righteous,

People **And joyful gladness for those who are true-hearted.**

Officiant Glory to God in the highest,

People **And peace to his people on earth.**

The Invitatory

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us: **O come, let us worship.**

Jubilate *Psalm 100*

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his name.**

**For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

The Proclamation of the Word

At the conclusion of each reading, the reader shall say:

And the people shall respond:

The Word of the Lord.

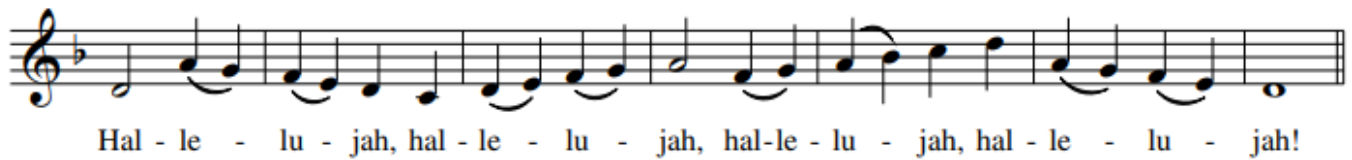
Thanks be to God.

First Reading: Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3 (p. 529)

Tom Warwick

Psalm 148

Len Robinson - cantor



Hal-le-lujah!

Praise God from the heavens;
sing praise in the heights.

Sing praise, all angels,
sing praise, all you heavenly host. **R.**

Sing praise, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.
Sing praise, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens. **R.**

Let them praise your name, O God;
for you commanded, and they were created.
You made them stand fast for ever and ever;
you gave them a law which shall not pass away. **R.**

O praise God from the earth,
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
Fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will; **R.**

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars:
Wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;
Rulers of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all sovereigns of the world;
Young men and women,
old and young together. **R.**

Let them praise your name, O God,
for your name only is exalted,
your splendour is over earth and heaven.
You have raised up strength for your people

and praise for all your loyal servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near you.
Hallelujah! R

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7 (p. 825)

Michael Larsen

Gradual Hymn: #125 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

The Gospel Luke 2:22-40 (p. 725)

Tim Pope

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Gillian Breckenridge

Offertory Hymn: #154 Good Christians All Rejoice

Offertory Prayer

Officiant Merciful God, receive all we offer you this day. Give us grace to love one another that your love may be made perfect in us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Apostles' Creed (*all stand*)

Officiant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the People (*all kneeling*)

Sheila Matson

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: In our Diocese we pray for Diocese of Calgary Synod Office Staff.

In the Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands we pray for Cathedral Church of St. George with Transfiguration, The Ascension and Holy Redeemer and The Very Rev. Samuel Nichols. We pray also for the Synod Office Staff. The Right Rev. Leopold Friday, Mrs. Marcia Dublin, The Ven. Clive Thomas, The Ven. Randolph Evelyn, The Ven. Christian Glasgow and Mr. Stanley John.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for those providing music ministry and for the Deputy Warden of Worship, Annette Bright, Senior Choir, and Handbell Choir.

The Collect of the Day (*remain kneeling*)

Officiant Let us pray.

All **Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant 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.

Recessional Hymn: #135 Shepherds in the Field Abiding

Dismissal The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen

Postlude

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In loving memory of Bob Hall by Jacky and family.

SHARING IN MINISTRY TODAY

GOSPELLER: Tim Pope

INTERCESSOR: Sheila Matson

LECTORS: Michael Larsen, Tom Warwick

MUSICIANS: Sarah Viejou

COUNT SUPERVISOR: Margot Bailes

TECHNICAL CREW: Sound: Brad Gillespie, Rachel Robinson; Video: Ayo Aramide, David Olubiyi

WELCOME MINISTRY: Linda Bateman, Pat Latimer

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Associate Priest

Rector Emeritus

Rector Emeritus

Children & Family Ministries

Nursery & Special Events

Music Director

Organist

Administrative Assistant

Vergers

Summer Verger

Rector's Warden

Acolyte

Assistant Rector's Warden

People's Warden

Assistant People's Warden

Deputy Warden (Worship)

Deputy Warden (Caring)

Deputy Warden (Fellowship)

Deputy Warden (Missional Outreach)

Deputy Warden (Facilities)

Deputy Warden (Financial Stewardship)

Deputy Warden (Communications)

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The Rev. Dr. Gillian Breckenridge

The Rev. Canon Allan McCuaig

The Rev. Canon James Robinson

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Karen Hudson

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Rachelle Wiebe

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