



St. Augustine's Church

A Church Family in the Heart of the City



Christmas Eve
December 24, 2022, 7:00 pm

Eve of Our Lord's Birth
The Holy Eucharist
December 24, 2022

Prelude

Mary Lee Voort

Processional Hymn: #120 O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee 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 tonight.

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 all the earth.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given
As love imparts to human hearts the blessings of God's 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.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Gillian Breckenridge

The Gathering of the Community

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,
People **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

Celebrant

All

**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.**

Children's Focus

Wendy Doherty

Collect of the Day

Celebrant

All

Let us pray. *(all kneeling)*

**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 forever. Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word

At the conclusion of each reading, the reader shall say: The word of the Lord.

*And the people shall respond: **Thanks be to God.***

Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7 (p. 489)

Lee Cutforth

Gradual Hymn: Light of the Stable

**Hail, hail to the newborn King,
Let our voices sing Him our praises.
Hail, hail to the guiding light
that brought us tonight to our Savior.**

Chorus

**Halle, hallelujah, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, hallelujah, halle, hallelujah.**

Come now where it shines so bright
to the knowing light of the stable.
kneel close to the Child so dear
cast aside your fear and be thankful. *Chorus 2x*

Gospel	Luke 2:1-20 (p. 724)	The Rev. Canon James Robinson
<i>Reader</i>	The Lord be with you.	
<i>People</i>	And also with you.	
<i>Reader</i>	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.	
<i>People</i>	Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.	
<i>Reader</i>	The Gospel of Christ.	
<i>People</i>	Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.	

“Children are now invited to join Miss Wendy downstairs for a special Children’s Program.”

Sermon	The Rev. Steve Bateman
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Anthem: Were You There on that Christmas Night? By Natalie Sleeth

The Apostles’ Creed

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say, *(together, standing)*
**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**

The Prayers of the People <i>(all kneeling)</i>	Bev Dorchak
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Confession and 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.

Silence is kept. The celebrant 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.

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.

People

Amen.

The Peace

All stand, and one of the ministers addresses the people:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn #126 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 bright 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 you, Lord Jesus, look down from on high
And stay by my bedside til morning is nigh.**

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

#125 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

**Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing, nowells ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all, Christ the babe is Lord of all.**

**Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, heard the story, tiding of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing greet tomorrow:
Christ the babe was born for you, Christ the babe was born for you.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer Over the Gifts

The Rev. Dr Gillian Breckenridge

All **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 forever. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer 3.

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 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.

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 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,

All

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

Celebrant

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 forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (*all kneeling*)

Celebrant

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

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.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.
All **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to come forward and receive Holy Communion.

Please take a candle as you return from communion

The candles will be lit while we sing "Silent Night"

Silent Night (all kneeling)

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright.

Round yon virgin mother and child;

Holy infant, so tender and mild,

Sleep in heavenly peace; Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight.

Glories stream from heaven afar,

heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia.

Christ the Saviour is born; Christ the Saviour is born."

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light.

Radiant beams from Thy holy face,

with the dawn of redeeming grace.

Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth; Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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.**

(Extinguish candles and all stand)

Celebrant Glory to God,

All **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.**

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: #118 O Come, All Ye Faithful (vs. 1-3)

**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**

Refrain **O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

**God of God, Light of Light,
Lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb
Very God, begotten not created** *Refrain*

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above
Glory to God in the highest** *Refrain*

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

Postlude

Mary Lee Voort

Flowers at the Altar to the Glory of God

In loving memory of the Siewert and Bres family loved ones
by Delynn and Marc Siewert

In loving memory of Bob and Anne Legge and Connie Stroh
by the Legge, Stroh and Ledene families

In loving memory of our parents Roy and Dorothy Meredith
by Sue Meredith and Barb Huntrods and families

In loving memory of James Moch, David and Gladys Carse and Shirley Reidel
by Irene Moch

In loving memory of our mother, Doreen Gray
by Roxanne and Laura and family

SHARING IN MINISTRY TODAY

GOSPELLER: Canon James Robinson

INTERCESSOR: Bev Dorchak

LAY ASSISTANTS: Bev Dorchak, Karen Hudson, Allison Kittleson, Judith Robinson

LECTORS: Lee Cutforth

MUSICIANS: Intergenerational Choir

SERVERS: Emily Bright, Michelle Bright, Nicole MacDonald

SIDESPEOPLE: Ken Dorchak, Bob Gschaid, and Juanita Loucks

TECHNICAL CREW: Sound: Barry Adams, David Hignell

Videography: Tim Fyfe, Ted Kopciuch

FROM THE CLERGY AND THE WARDENS

We are grateful to our music director, Joanne Collier and our organist Mary Lee Voort and the Senior Choir; Barbara Hignell and the Handbell Choir; Children and Family Ministries Coordinator, Wendy Doherty; the Administrative Assistant, Rachelle Wiebe; the Vergers, Greg Young and Michael Larsen; the Sound Technician (David Hignell and team) and the Video Technicians; the Sanctuary Guild; the Lay Assistants; the Lectors; the Intercessors; the Sidespeople; the Count Supervisors; the Servers and Acolyte. Thanks to Jim Poriz for keeping our sidewalks clear during Christmas and throughout the entire winter.

Thank you to all who have contributed to our worship during this Christmas Season.

To all who have come to St. Augustine's for this liturgy of Christmas:

To all who are home for a while with family and friends;

To all for whom this year has been one of crisis, suffering or sadness;

To all for whom this year has held some especially joyful event or significant achievement;

To all who have faithfully endeavoured to serve God and have enriched our common life;

To all who seek the new life of Jesus Christ in their own experience and in the world of our time, may the peace and encouragement of Christmas remain with you always.

Christmas Day: No 8 AM Service. Join us for our 11 AM Family Service.

Thursday, Dec. 29: 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist BCP.

New Year's Day: No 8 AM Service. Join us at 10 AM for a Service of Morning Prayer.

Holiday Office Hours between Friday December 23rd and Friday January 6th

Friday, December 23rd: 8:30 am-1:00 pm

Monday and Tuesday, December 26th & 27th: closed

Wednesday and Thursday, December 28th & 29th: regular office hours

Friday, December 30th: 8:30 am-12:00 pm

Monday, January 2nd, 2023: Closed

Tuesday to Thursday, January 3rd -5th: regular office hours

January 6th: 8:30 am-12:00 pm and 1:00pm-1:45pm

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