The Nativity of Our Lord

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Dennis & Marilyn Steen, *given by L. D. Steen.*

"Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them!"

Welcome to S. Bart's, Regent Park!

We're so happy to have you worshipping with us this morning! You'll find both the Order for Mass and the Weekly Notices in this booklet.

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Sung Mass

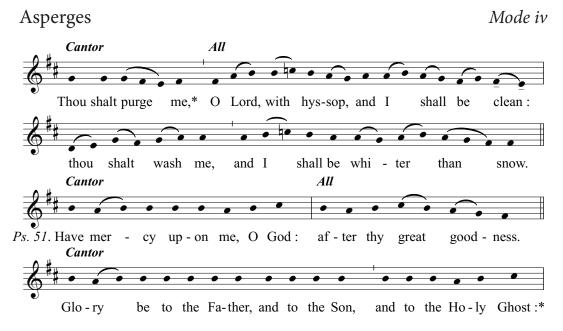
PREPARING FOR MASS: WE SHOULD ALWAYS TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO GATHER OUR ATTEN-TION, SO AS TO ENTER WITH OUR INTENTION INTO THE SILENCE AND STILLNESS OF GOD BY AN ACT OF FAITH. OFFER TO GOD YOUR WHOLE SELF — SOUL AND BODY — TO BE OFFERED WITHIN OUR LORD'S OFFERING AT THIS MASS. RECALL TO MIND THOSE WHOM YOU WISH TO REMEMBER AT THIS CELEBRATION, AND RECALL THEM AGAIN AT THE APPROPRIATE SILENT SPACE DURING THE PRAYER FOR THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

> PLEASE STAND WHEN THE BELL RINGS. THE PEOPLE REMAIN STANDING UNTIL THE INTROIT.

Prelude

Es ist ein Ros entsprungen Op.111 Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Devotions before Mass





Let us pray.

GRACIOUSLY hear us, O Lord, holy Father Almighty, everlasting God: and vouchsafe to send thy holy Angel from heaven; to guard and cherish, to protect and visit, and to defend all who dwell in this thy holy habitation. Through Christ our Lord.

₿⁄ Amen.

English Hymnal Nº 21

Stockport

Christians awake, salute the happy morn

Christians, awake, salute the happy morn, Whereon the Saviour of the world was born; Rise to adore the mystery of love, Which hosts of Angels chanted from above; With them the joyful tidings first begun Of God incarnate and the Virgin's Son: Then to the watchful shepherds it was told, Who heard the angelic herald's voice, 'Behold, I bring good tidings of a Saviour's birth To you and all the nations upon earth; This day hath God fulfilled his promised word, This day is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord.'

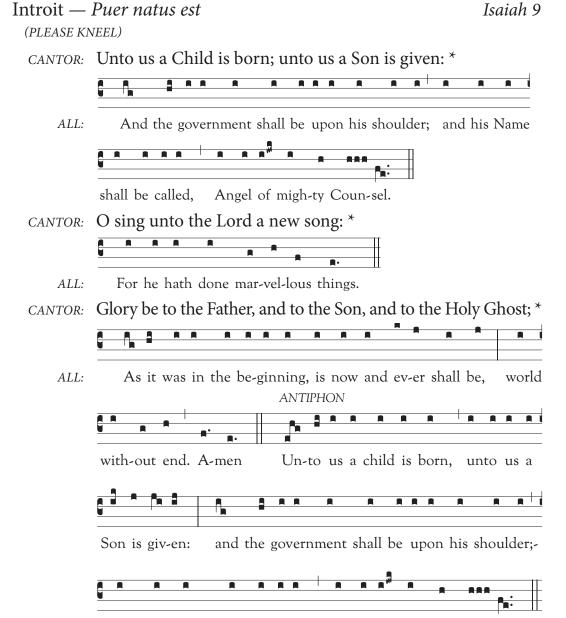
He spake; and straightway the celestial choir In hymns of joy, unknown before, conspire. The praises of redeeming love they sang, And heaven's whole orb with Alleluyas rang: God's highest glory was their anthem still, Peace upon earth, and mutual goodwill.

To Bethlehem straight the enlightened shepherds ran, To see the wonder God has wrought for man, And found, with Joseph and the blessèd Maid, Her Son, the Saviour, in a manger laid; Amazed the wondrous story they proclaim, The first apostles of his infant fame.

Like Mary let us ponder in our mind God's wondrous love in saving lost mankind; Trace we the Babe, who hath retrieved our loss, From his poor manger to his bitter cross; Then may we hope, angelic thrones among, To sing, redeemed, a glad triumphal song.

THE MASS OF THE CATECHUMENS

The Entrance Rites



and his Name shall be called, Angel of migh-ty Coun-sel.

CELEBRANT: 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.

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.

The Summary of the Law

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

Kyrie Eleison (CHOIR)

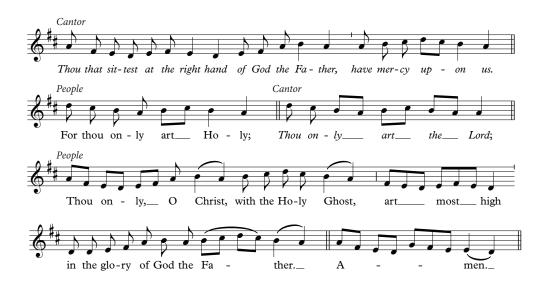
Missa Alme Pater – Mode i

Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.
Christe eleison.	Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis (PLEASE STAND)

Missa de Angelis





The Collect

- \mathring{V} The Lord be with you.
- \mathbb{R}^{\prime} And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. (PLEASE KNEEL)

A LMIGHTY 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.

R∕ Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Epistle: Hebrews 1:1 (PLEASE BE SEATED)

The Epistle is written in the first chapter of the Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Hebrews, beginning at the first verse.

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, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said he at any time,

Thou art my Son, This day have I begotten thee?

And again, I will be to him a Father, And he shall be to me a Son?

And again, when he bringeth the first-born into the world, he saith, *And let all the angels of God worship him.*

And of the angels he saith Who maketh his angels spirits, And his ministers a flame of fire.

But unto the Son he saith,

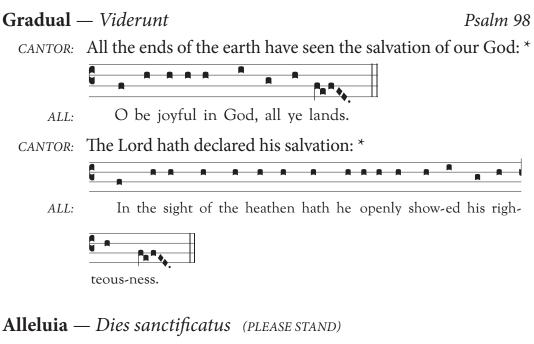
Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever; A sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom: Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; Therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee With the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

And again he saith,

Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; And the heavens are the works of thine hands:

They shall perish, but thou remainest; And they all shall wax old as doth a garment; And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, And they shall be changed; But thou art the same, And thy years shall not fail.

Here endeth the Epistle.



CANTOR: Alleluia.



ALL: Al-le-lu-ia.

CANTOR: A hallowed day hath dawned upon the earth; come, ye nations, and worship the Lord: *

ALL: For on this day a great light hath descended up-on us.

Al-le-lu-ia.

The Holy Gospel: S. John 1:1 (PLEASE STAND)

 \checkmark The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.
 The Holy Gospel is written in the first chapter of the Gospel according to S. John, beginning at the first verse.

 \mathbb{R}^{\prime} Glory be to thee, O Lord.

TN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and L 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. 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.

₿⁄ Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Creed





The Prone (Bidding of the Bedes, Feasts & Fasts, Parish Announcements)

Sermon: The Father Vicar

THE MASS OF THE FAITHFUL (LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST)

OFFERTORY (*PLEASE KNEEL*)

- It And with thy spirit. Let us pray.

Offertory Antiphon — Tui sunt caeli Psalm 89 CANTOR: The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine; thou hast laid the foundations of the round world, and all that therein is: *

ALL: Righ-teousness and equi-ty are the ha-bi-ta-tion of thy seat.

Offertory Motet (CHOIR)

An earthly tree

An earthly tree, a heav'nly fruit it bare, A case of clay contained a crown immortal, A crown of crowns, a King whose cost and care Redeemed poor man, whose race before was thrall To death, to doom, to pains of everlasting, By His sweet death, scorns, stripes and often fasting.

A star above the stars, a sun of light, Whose blessèd beams this wretched earth bespread With hope of Heaven and of God's Son the sight Which in our flesh and sinful soul lay dead. O faith, O hope, O joys renown'd for ever, O lively life, that deathless shall persever.

William Byrd (1589)

Then let us sing the lullabies of sleep To this sweet Babe, born to awake us all From drowsy sin that made old Adam weep, And by his fault gave to mankind the fall. For lo! this day, the birth-day, day of days, Summons our songs, to give him laud and praise.

English Hymnal Nº 18

From east to west, from shore to shore

From east to west, from shore to shore, Let every heart awake and sing The holy Child whom Mary bore, The Christ, the everlasting King.

Behold, the world's Creator wears The form and fashion of a slave; Our very flesh our Maker shares, His fallen creature, man, to save.

For this how wondrously he wrought! A maiden, in her lowly place, Became in ways beyond all thought, The chosen vessel of his grace.

She bowed her to the Angel's word Declaring what the Father willed, And suddenly the promised Lord That pure and hallowed temple filled.

He shrank not from the oxen's stall, He lay within the manger-bed, And he, whose bounty feedeth all, At Mary's breast himself was fed. S. Venantius

And while the Angels in the sky Sang praise above the silent field, To shepherds poor the Lord most high, The one great Shepherd, was revealed.

All glory for this blessèd morn To God the Father ever be; All praise to thee, O Virgin-born, All praise, O Holy Ghost, to thee. Amen.

Orate Fratres (CELEBRANT) (PLEASE KNEEL)

CELEBRANT: Pray, brethren, that this my sacrifice, and yours, may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

PEOPLE: The Lord receive this Sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name, both to our benefit, and that of all his holy Church.

Secret (Prayer over the Gifts)

WE beseech thee, O Lord, that by this new birth of thy only-begotten Son thou wouldest vouchsafe to sanctify these our oblations: and to cleanse us from the defilement of all our iniquities. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

R∕ Amen.

Prayer for the Catholic Church (CELEBRANT) (PLEASE KNEEL)

Let us pray for Christ's holy Catholic Church.

A LMIGHTY 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 so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: And grant unto thy servant CHARLES our King, and to all that are put in authority under him, 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 servant Andrew our Bishop, 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.

A ND 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; 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.

[†] HERE THE CELEBRANT REMEMBERS THOSE FOR WHOM HE IS SPECIALLY BOUND TO PRAY, WHO HAVE NOT BEEN MENTIONED IN THE BIDDING OF THE BEDES. YOU MAY REMEMBER THOSE FOR WHOM YOU ARE OFFERING HOLY MASS, OR ANY PERSONS OR CLAIMS FOR WHICH YOU WISH TO PRAY.

Confession and Absolution

Y E 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.

Almighty God,

ALL: 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.

CELEBRANT: 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.

R∕ Amen.

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

COME unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *S. Matthew 11:28* 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. S. John 3:16

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

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

Hear also what Saint John saith.

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

CONSECRATION AND OBLATION

Sursum Corda and Preface



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

Sanctus and Benedictus (CHOIR)

Missa Alme Pater – Mode iv

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,	HOLY, Holy, Holy,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.	Lord God of hosts,
Pleni sunt coeli	Heaven and earth
et terra gloria tua.	are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in excelsis.	Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
★ Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.	BLESSED is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

Canon of the Mass

(CELEBRANT)

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 thy 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;

A ND 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 thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and \clubsuit 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.

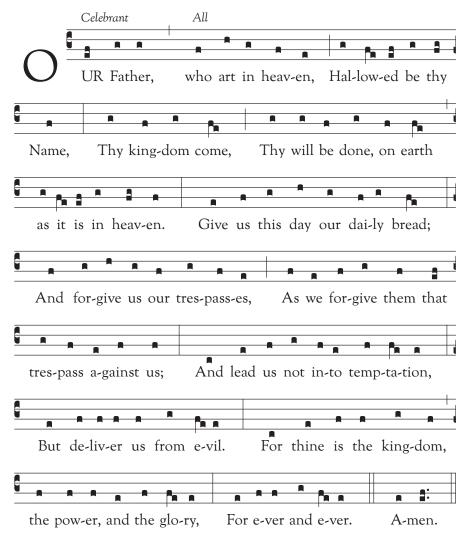
₿⁄ Amen.

Communion of the Faithful

Pater Noster

CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say,



Fraction and Pax



The peace of the Lord be always with you.- R.And with thy spirit.-

The Prayer of Humble Access

CELEBRANT: We do not presume

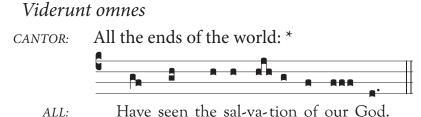
ALL: to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table.
But thou art the same Lord,
Whose property is always to have mercy:
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
So to 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.

Agnus Dei (CHOIR)

Missa Alme Pater – Mode iv

Agnus Dei,	O Lamb of God,
qui tollis peccata mundi,	that takest away the sin of the world,
miserere nobis.	have mercy upon us.
Agnus Dei,	O Lamb of God,
qui tollis peccata mundi,	that takest away the sin of the world,
miserere nobis.	grant us thy peace.
Agnus Dei,	O Lamb of God,
qui tollis peccata mundi,	that takest away the sin of the world,
dona nobis pacem.	grant us thy peace.
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Communion Antiphon —



THE CELEBRANT TURNS TO SHOW THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. THE PEOPLE LOOK UP AND MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS.

CELEBRANT: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that taketh away the sin of the world.

ALL SAY TOGETHER THREE TIMES, STRIKING THE BREAST AT EACH BEGINNING:

ALL: Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

ALL CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTISED WITH WATER IN THE NAME OF THE FA-THER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST, AND ARE COMMUNICANT MEM-BERS OF THEIR OWN CHURCHES, ARE WELCOME TO RECEIVE THE HOLY COMMUNION.

THE SACRED HOST WILL BE PLACED UPON YOUR TONGUE OR IN THE PALM OF YOUR RIGHT HAND. IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE A BLESSING, PLEASE FOLD YOUR ARMS ACROSS YOUR CHEST TO SIGNIFY THIS TO THE PRIEST.

SHOULD YOU BE UNABLE TO MANAGE STEPS, HOLY COMMUNION CAN BE ADMINIS-TERED AT YOUR PEW. PLEASE ASK ONE OF THE SIDESMEN, WHO WILL BE HAPPY TO ASSIST YOU.

THE FIRST PRAYER-BOOK EXHORTATION ENCOURAGES US TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT IN FAITH AND REPENTANCE, 'DISCERNING THE LORD'S BODY.'

English Hymnal Nº 25

Cranham

In the bleak midwinter

In the bleak mid-winter Frosty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as iron, Water like a stone; Psalm 98

Snow had fallen, snow on snow, Snow on snow, In the bleak mid-winter, Long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him Nor earth sustain; Heaven and earth shall flee away When he comes to reign: In the bleak mid-winter A stable-place sufficed The Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ.

Enough for him, whom Cerubim Worship night and day, A breastful of milk, And a mangerful of hay; Enough for him, whom Angels Fall down before, The ox and ass and camel Which adore.

Angels and Archangels May have gatehred there, Cherubim and Seraphim Thronged the air – But only his mother In her maiden bliss Worshipped the Belovèd With a kiss.

What can I give him Poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb; If I were a wise man I would do my part; Yet what I can I give him – Give my heart.

Thanksgiving

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Let us pray. (PLEASE KNEEL)

A LMIGHTY 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. 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 our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

₽⁄ Amen.

Post-Communion Collect

- \mathbb{V} The Lord be with you.
- \mathbb{R} And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. (PLEASE KNEEL)

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God: that like as thy Son, born this day the Saviour of the world, hath been made the author of our heavenly birth; so he may bestow upon us the gift of everlsting life, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

₿⁄ Amen.

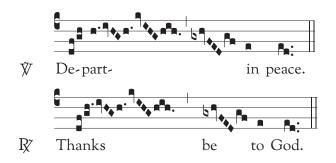
Blessing (CELEBRANT)

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.

R∕ Amen.

Dismissal (please stand)

- \mathbb{V} The Lord be with you.
- \mathbb{R}^{\prime} And with thy spirit.



The Last Gospel: S. Matthew 2:1 (PLEASE REMAIN STANDING)

- $\tilde{\mathbb{V}}$ The Lord be with you.
- \mathbb{R}^{\prime} And with thy spirit.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

₿⁄ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judæa: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood

over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

 \mathbb{R}^{\prime} Thanks be to God.

Devotions After Mass

Angelus

- And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.
 Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
 Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.
- \mathbb{V} Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
- Be it unto me according to thy word.
 Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
 blessed art thou among women,
 and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
 Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
 now and at the hour of our death.
- \mathbb{V} And the Word was made flesh.
- And dwelt among us.
 Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
 Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

- $\tilde{\mathbb{V}}$ Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
- \mathbb{R}' That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

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 unto the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.

₿⁄ Amen.

Closing Hymn

See, amid the winter's snow

Humility

See amid the winter's snow, Born for us on earth below. See, the gentle Lamb appears, Promised from eternal years! Hail, thou ever-blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn! Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem!

Lo, within a manger lies He who built the starry skies; He who, thron'd in height sublime, Sits amid the Cherubim. Hail, thou ever-blessèd morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn! Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem!

Sacred Infant, all-divine, What a tender love was thine, Thus to come from highest bliss Down to such a world as this! Hail, thou ever-blessèd morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn! Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem!

Teach, O teach us, holy Child, By thy face so meek and mild, Teach us to resemble thee, In thy sweet humility. Hail, thou ever-blessèd morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn! Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem!

Prelude

Voluntary X Grave and Double Fuge

William Boyce (1711-1779)

WEEKLY NOTICES

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the repose of the soul of Susan Johnson. Rest eternal grant unto her, O Lord!

FATHER HANNAM requests that all cases of sorrow or suffering be reported to him.

WEARING OF MASKS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED: With the rise of upper respiratory infections such as surge of COVID-19, influenza and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) across the Province and the resulting pressure on paediatric hospitals, the Diocese of Toronto, together with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the other dioceses in the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, and the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, is now strongly recommending the wearing of masks in public settings. Nevertheless, the Diocese and S. Bartholomew's remain in the Green Stage of the Diocesan COVID-19 protocols. Under these guidelines the wearing of masks remains voluntary. N-95 and blue medical masks continue to be available from the sidespersons on request. As always, S. Bart's will comply with any government or health restrictions as they are enacted. Please contact Fr Hannam if you require health-related accommodation at mass. We will do our best to accommodate your needs. If you wish to receive communion at home, please contact Fr Hannam, and he will arrange to visit you. Please note that if there is need of reinstating mandatory masking protocols at a weekday celebration to accommodate those who are immuno-compromised this status quo will be reconsidered.

UPCOMING LITURGIES:

The Epiphany of our Lord: Friday, 6 January

6:15 p.m. Procession & Solemn Mass

Candlemas: Thursday, 2 February

6:15 p.m. Candlemas Ceremonies, Procession & Solemn Mass

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR following the 11 o'clock Parish Mass! We meet in the Parish Hall, down the front stairs and to the right. We're starting

small — cookies, cakes, tea sandwiches, etc. — so as to gauge our resources prudently, and we will be asking for volunteers both to provide food and to help with cleanup. *If you would like to help cater or work cleanup crew on a future Sunday, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.*

IF YOU DONATE ONLINE and we don't have your address, please communicate it to the Envelope Secretary (Marlone Dawkins) so that we can send your end-of-year tax receipt.

MYSTAGOGY ON THE DAILY OFFICE: The Daily Office of the Book of Common Prayer, otherwise known as Morning and Evening Prayer, is a beloved spiritual discipline unique to the Anglican Church. This class will examine Archbishop Cranmer's iteration of the Divine Office of the Catholic Church, its theological presuppositions, its use of the Holy Scriptures, and how it forms our own devotions and spiritual life as individuals. Join us as we discover how the Daily Office helps us to enter into the prayer of our Lord. Wednesday evenings 6-8 p.m. 11 January - 1 February. Location 505 Parliament Street (call 647-224-2449). Light refreshment will be served. If you are interested in signing up please feel free to email Caleb Upton at calebdupton@gmail.com so we can adequately prepare.

YOUNG ADULTS AT S. BART'S: Learn more about ongoing/upcoming events at *stbartstoronto.ca/parish-life/young-adults*, or get in touch with Thomas McCallum at *youngadults@stbartstoronto.ca*.

YOUTH AT S. BART'S: Have fun, learn about the Faith, learn to serve one another! Visit: *stbartstoronto.ca/youth*, or contact Louis Harris at *lhd.louis.harris@gmail.com*.

THE BREAKFAST PROGRAMME continues to be open each Thursday with the doors opening at 5:30 a.m. until 8:00 a.m., and hot food being served beginning at 6:00 a.m.

THE S. BART'S FOOD BANK is open Mondays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

FINANCIAL DONATIONS TO S. BART'S:

• Regular Givers are encouraged to take **tithing envelopes** for the coming year. This simplifies our parish counting and helps us to monitor our growth.

- Please consider using **pre-authorized debit** to make your contributions. This helps us in budgeting as well as keeping our cash flow consistent. Email *stbartstoronto@outlook.com* to request a fillable PDF.
- You may also send a donation via **E-transfer**. Here's how:
 - 1. Login to your financial institution online or via mobile, and navigate to Interac e-Transfer.
 - 2. Select the account that you would like funds transferred from.
 - 3. Enter the amount that you would like to send.
 - 4. Add recipient, St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church.
 - 5. Add email address, stbartstoronto@outlook.com.
- You may also send a donation via **PayPal**. Here's how:
 - 1. Login to your PayPal account.
 - 2. Select "Send."
 - 3. Insert the email address: stbartstoronto@outlook.com
 - 4. Enter the amount that you would like to send.
 - 5. Confirm the details.
 - 6. Select "Send Money Now."

INTERCESSIONS

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

- **TODAY: Sunday, 25 December:** We pray today for The Anglican Church of Melanesia.
- Monday, 26 December: The Diocese of Oklahoma The Episcopal Church (VII (7) Province)
- **Tuesday, 27 December:** The Diocese of Okrika The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Niger Delta Province)
- Wednesday, 28 December: The Diocese of Oleh The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Bendel Province)
- **Thursday, 29 December:** The Diocese of Olo The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Western Equatoria Province)
- Friday, 30 December: The Diocese of Olympia The Episcopal Church (VIII (8) Province)

• Saturday, 31 December: The Diocese of Omu-Aran – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Kwara Province)

INDIGENOUS CHURCH: For the intentions of +Chris, Bishop of Saskatoon and +Adam, Bishop of Missinippi

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

- TODAY: Sunday, 25 December: Christmas Day
- Monday, 26 December: The Community of Deacons (Archdeacon Kyn Barker)
- Tuesday, 27 December: Chaplains to the retired clergy
- Wednesday, 28 December: The Children's Ministry Network
- Thursday, 29 December: The staff of the Synod Office
- Friday, 30 December: The Archives department of the Synod Office
- Saturday, 31 December: The Chancellors and Vice-Chancellors of the Diocese

CATECHUMENS: Robert Thompson, Jean Giroux

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED: SUN (9:00 a.m.): George Barkhouse, Kristen Bauggue, Shannon Bauggue, Ronald Bentley, Frances Brittain, The Carlén family, Carol; | SUN (11:00 a.m.): Coline, Petronella Cormier, Grant Courtney, Muriel Crossgill, Kimberley Curtis, Dan, David; | TUE: Dina, Elaine, Elise, Jo-Anne Goyder, Herman Hunter, Scott Hunter; | WED: Jamie, Jennifer, Jeremy, Joanna, Paul Leblanc; | THU: Seraphina Lee, Betty Leeson, Lene, Rhonda Lewis, Katy Mac, Mary, Merle; | FRI: Micah, Alan Newell, Nicholas, Dorothy North, Scott Paterson, Patrick, Elena Prokhorova; | SAT: John Riddell, Sophie, Gilbert Steen, Thomas, Helen Wai Please note the vertical bars indicate the Mass at which the preceding group of persons are prayed for by name.

DAILY INTERCESSIONS: Sr Barbara SLSM, Ben, Sydney Brooman, Mattea Brotherton, Bruce, Davis d'Ambly, Dawn-Lee, Genevieve, Gord, Grace, James Harris, Lorna Harris, Michael Hawkins *(bishop)*, Audrey Kern, Judith Mark, Marlyn, Terence Junior McFarlane, Deborah McGinnis, George North, Patricia Rittaca, Leotha Roberts, Winsome Santokie, Catherine Sloan, Rachel Smith, Heekyung Song, Trish, Vinoka, Mark Weymouth

POETRY CORNER

DESCENT

by Malcolm Guite (1957-)

They sought to soar into the skies, Those classic gods of high renown, For lofty pride aspires to rise, But you came down.

You dropped down from the mountains sheer, Forsook the eagle for the dove, The other Gods demanded fear But you gave love.

Where chiselled marble seemed to freeze, Their abstract and perfected form, Compassion brought you to your knees, Your blood was warm.

They called for blood in sacrifice, Their victims on an altar bled, When no one else could pay the price, You died instead.

They towered above our mortal plain, Dismissed this restless flesh with scorn, Aloof from birth and death and pain, But you were born.

Born to these burdens, borne by all, Born with us all 'astride the grave', Weak, to be with us when we fall, And strong to save.

BUDGET UPDATE & COVENANT 2023

OUR ANNUAL VESTRY IN 2022 approved a budget in which we anticipated \$135,000 in congregational givings. *As of 21 December we've reached* **\$133,652.** That means we need to raise an additional \$1,348 by the end of this month if we are to make our year-end goal.

The good news is this:

1) Most parishes find themselves in this situation at year's end, so this is not a problem in which we are alone.

2) As of this date last year (December 21, 2021), actual parish givings were \$112,584 and our shortfall was \$12,416. Given that our budget last year was lower (\$125,000), the fact that we are so far ahead this year really is something to celebrate.

3) Finally, it is still possible to close this gap before we close the books on 2022. For seven of the past eight years we have had similar shortfalls at this point in the year and each year we have come in slightly over budget by year's end.

Please consider the following in the coming weeks:

1) If you have fallen behind in your intended givings, please try to catch up between now and the end of December.

2) Please prayerfully discern if you can make one extra offering this Christmas season to help to close this gap. The latter will almost certainly be an act of sacrifice for most of us. But please remember that sacrifice – the Sacrifice of Calvary, represented on the Altar at each Mass – is at the heart of our religion. It is primarily through sacrifice that our lives are conformed to that of our Crucified Eucharistic Lord, whereby we come to share more and more fully in His Divine Life.

The Christmas Feast teaches us that our Salvation begins with a generous gift — the Gift of God who was willing to become Man so that we might become god. Our Lady gave over her whole life to that purpose at the Annunciation. We give of our substance to the Church so that their gifts might continue in this place for our neighbours and for ourselves.

'And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the Lord's offering' (BCP, p. 72, quoting Exodus 35:21).

A BIG THANK-YOU to all who have submitted Covenant forms as part of our Joyful Giving Programme! We have received very generous pledges from 12 parishioners; 10 other Pre-Authorised Debits remain unchanged from last year. Thank you to all our givers for your continued generosity to our parish.

If you have not submitted a covenant but would be willing to share with us what you plan to give to the Parish in the coming year, please contact our Parish Treasurer at stbartstoronto@outlook.com. Please remember that a 'covenant' isn't binding; it's simply a guide to the Parish Executive as it's members prepare the 2023 budget.

THROUGH THE WEEK

Please check the website and subscribe to our enews list to stay informed of scheduling changes.

Sunday, 25 December	THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST					
	8:30 a.m.	Low Mass	10:00 a.m.	Mattins		
	11:00 a.m.	Sung Mass				
Monday, 26 December	S. STEPHEN THE PROTOMARTYR (com. Octave of Christmas)					
	Please note, the Food Bank is closed, today only					
	11:00 a.m.	Low Mass				
Tuesday, 27 December	S. JOHN THE APOSTLE & EVANGELIST (com. Octave of Christmas)					
	11:00 a.m. Low Mass					
Wednesday, 28 December	THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS (com. Octave of Christmas)					
	11:00 a.m. Low Mass					
Thursday, 29 December	S. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr (com. Octave of Christmas)					
	6:00 a.m. Breakfast Ministry (Doors open at 5:30 a.m., till 8:00 a.m.)					
	11:00 a.m. Low Mass					
	10:00 a.m. Food Bank (till 11:30 a.m.)					
Friday, 30 December	Christmas I (com. Octave of Christmas)					
	11:00 a.m. Low Mass					
Saturday, 31 December	S. Sylvester,	B.C. (com. Octave of Chr	istmas)			
	11:00 a.m.	Low Mass				
Sunday, 1 January	THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS)					
	9:00 a.m.	Low Mass	10:00 a.m.	Mattins		
	11:00 a.m.	Sung Mass				