



**St. David's
Anglican Church**

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Christmas Eve



8:00pm – Holy Communion (BAS)

“To know Christ and to make Him known”

Welcome to Our Worship Gathering

Solo – Oh Holy Night

Opening Hymn

#357 Oh Come All Ye Faithful

- 1. O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant;
Come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him,
Born the king of angels!
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him,
 Christ the Lord!**
- 2. God from God,
Light from light –
Lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb!
Very God, begotten, not created.
 O come, let us adore him...**
- 3. Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,
'Glory to God in the highest!'
 O come, let us adore him...**
- 4. Yea, Lord we greet thee,
Born this happy morning:
Jesus, to thee be glory given!
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing.
 O come, let us adore him...**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Lead Advent is a time for God's people to reawaken their longings.

All Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

Lead Tonight, we long to worship the newborn king.

All Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

Lead Tonight, we long to hear the good news proclaimed by the angels.

All Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

Lead Tonight, we long to receive the promise foretold.

All Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

Lighting of the fifth Advent candle

Lead Tonight we light all the candles. The first candle ignites the thrill of hope in the hearts of weary people. The second candle shines peace that surpasses understanding into a conflicted and confused world. The third candle expresses the joy of fulfilled promises and the anticipation of those yet to come. The fourth candle shines with grace and new life in God's unconditional love.

Tonight, we light the Christ candle in celebration of our Messiah's birth. As God's promises continue to shine, we echo the words shared through the ages – Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

Advent Hymn

You Are The Light We See

- 1. You are the Light we see,
You are the Truth – we know,
You are the Life – we live.
You are the Hope,
You are the Joy,
You are the Song we sing.**
- 2. Within our hearts – your Light,
Within our minds – your Truth,
Within our lives – your Love,
Living your Hope,
Spreading your Joy,
Singing your beautiful Song.
(Repeat verse 1)**

The 1st Reading:

Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was

governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

3. **Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,
'Glory to God in the highest!'
O come, let us adore him...**
4. **Yea, Lord we greet thee,
Born this happy morning:
Jesus, to thee be glory given!
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing.
O come, let us adore him...**

The Collect for Christmas Eve

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 splendor 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

Reading: *Hebrews 1:1-12*

The second reading is written in the first chapter of Hebrews, beginning at verse one.

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways,

but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." In speaking of the angels he says, "He makes his angels spirits, and his servants flames of fire."

But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy."

He also says, "In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end." (NIV) The word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn – Solo: The Prayer

The Gospel: *John 1:1-14*

Leader The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Leader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, written in the first chapter of the Gospel of John, beginning at verse one.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (ESV) The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

- Sermon by Michael Hawkins

The Nicene Creed

Lead Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten,

not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Lead By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel, hear us, O Lord.

All Lord, grant us peace.

Lead By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O Lord.

All Lord, grant us peace.

Lead By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, hear us, O Lord.

All Lord, grant us peace.

Lead By the manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us, O Lord.

All Lord, grant us peace.

Lead By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, hear us, O Lord.

All Lord, grant us peace.

Lead By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O lord.

All Lord, grant us peace.

Lead Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; hear us, O Lord.

All Lord, grant us peace.

Confession and Absolution

Lead 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.

Most merciful God,

All 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.

Lead 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. **Amen.**

The Peace

Lead The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Ppl. And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

- The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn

#192 Angels We Have Herd on High (green book)

- 1. Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains:
Glo - - - ria, in excelsis Deo!
Glo - - - ria, in excelsis Deo!**
- 2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song?
Glo - - - ria, in excelsis Deo...**
- 3. Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the new-born King.
Glo - - - ria, in excelsis Deo...**

The Prayer over the Gifts

Lead 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.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Lead The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Lead Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Lead Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Lead Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh, and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world, that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn 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.**

Lead 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.**

Lead 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 first born 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 for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

All **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

Lead We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The Communion

Lead The gifts of God for the People of God.

All Thanks be to God.

Words of Administration

The body of Christ (given for you). Amen.

The blood of Christ (shed for you). Amen.

The body of Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. Amen.

Communion Hymn

#358 O Little Town of Bethlehem

1. O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see you lie!
Above your deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by:
Yet in your dark streets shining
Is everlasting light:
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in you tonight.
2. For Christ is born of Mary
And, gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love:
Morning Stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king,
And peace to all the earth.
3. How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his 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.

4. 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 –
Come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

#129 No Crowded Eastern Street

1. No Crowded eastern street,
No sound of passing feet;
Far to the left and far to right,
The prairie snows spread far and white;
Yet still to us is born tonight
The child, the King of glory.
2. No rock-hewn place of peace
Shared with the gentle beasts,
But sturdy farm house, stout and warm,
With stable, shed, and great red barn;
And still to us is born tonight
The child, the King of glory.
3. No blaze of heavenly fire
No bright celestial choir,
Only the starlight as of old,
Crossed by the plane's flash, red and gold;
Yet still to us is born tonight
The child, the King of glory.
4. No kings with gold and grain,
No stately camel train:
Yet in his presence all may stand
With loving heart and willing hand;
For still to us is born tonight
The child, the King of glory.

#360 See Amid the Winter Snow

1. See amid the winter snow,
Born for us on earth below;
See, the gentle Lamb appears,
Promised from eternal years:
Hail, O ever-blessed morn;
Hail, redemption's happy dawn

Sing through all Jerusalem:
'Christ is born in Bethlehem!'

2. Low within a manger lies
He who built the starry skies;
He who, throned in height sublime,
Reigns above the cherubim:
Hail, O ever-blessed morn...
3. Say, you humble shepherds, say
What's your joyful news today?
Tell us why you left your sheep
On the lonely mountain steep:
Hail, O ever-blessed morn...
4. 'As we watched at dead of night,
All around us shone a light;
Angels singing Peace on earth
Told us of a Savior's birth.'
Hail, O ever-blessed morn...
5. Sacred infant, king most dear,
What a tender love was here,
Thus to come from highest bliss
Down to such a world as this!
Hail, O ever-blessed morn...
6. Holy Savior, born on earth,
Teach us by your lowly birth;
Grant that we may ever be
Taught by such humility.
Hail, O ever-blessed morn;
Hail, redemption's happy dawn
Sing through all Jerusalem:
'Christ is born in Bethlehem!'

Prayer after Communion

Lead Let us pray, Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honor and glory, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Lead 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.**

Dismissal

Lead The peace of God which passes 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 Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

#362 Silent Night, Holy Night

1. Silent night! Holy Night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round the virgin and her child:
Holy infant, so gentle and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace;
Sleep in heavenly peace!
2. Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quail at the sight,
Glory streams from heaven afar:
Heavenly hosts sing, 'Alleluia,
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born.
3. Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light:
Radiant beams your holy face
With the dawn of saving grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

Lead Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia

LIFE BETWEEN SUNDAYS

Tuesday	December 25	8:00am – 12:00pm 9:30am	Office – Closed until January 8 th Christmas Day Service at St. Albans
Wednesday	December 26	7:00pm	Choir Practice – Canceled until Jan. 9 th
Thursday	December 27	7:00am 2:00pm	Men’s Bible Study – Canceled until Jan. 10 th Parish Coffee Time – Canceled until Jan. 3 rd
Sunday	December 30	8:00am & 10:30am	Holy Communion (BAS) City Wide Diocesan Service, held at St. George’s. Breakfast will be served between the services.
Thursday	January 3	2:00pm	Parish Coffee Time
Sunday	January 6	8:30am 10:30am	Morning Prayer Morning Prayer, Sunday School, & Coffee; Isaiah 49:1-13; Luke 3:15-22

UPCOMING EVENTS * See the bulletin board for more details regarding events.

- **December 25th** – Christmas Day Service, held at St. Albans, 9:30am
- **December 30th** – HC (BAS) City Wide Diocesan Service, held at St. George’s at 8:00 & 10:30am. Breakfast will be served between the services. *There will be no services at St. David’s this Sunday.
- **January 6th** – Regular services at St. David’s at 8:30am & 10:30am (Morning Prayer Services).

A MATTER OF STEWARDSHIP

An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” ~Luke 2:9-14

Scripture Readings for December 24th – 30th, 2018

	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer	
Christmas Eve	-----	-----	Zech 2:10-13	Heb. 2:10-18
Christmas Day	Isa. 9:2-7	Mt. 1:18-25	Isa. 7:10-14	1 Jn. 4:7-21
St. Stephen	Gen. 4:1-10	Acts 6	2 Chr. 24:15-22	Acts 7:59-8:8
St. John	Ex. 33:9-23	Jn. 13:21-35	Isa. 6:1-8	1 Jn. 5:1-12
The Innocents	Baruch 4:21-27	Rev. 6:9-11	Jer. 31:1-17	Mt. 18:1-10
Dec. 29	Ruth 1:1-18	Jn. 1:14-18	Ruth 1:19-2:13	Mt. 11:2-6
Sunday after Christmas	Isa. 41:8-20	Col. 1:1-20	Isa. 55	Lk. 2:22-40



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