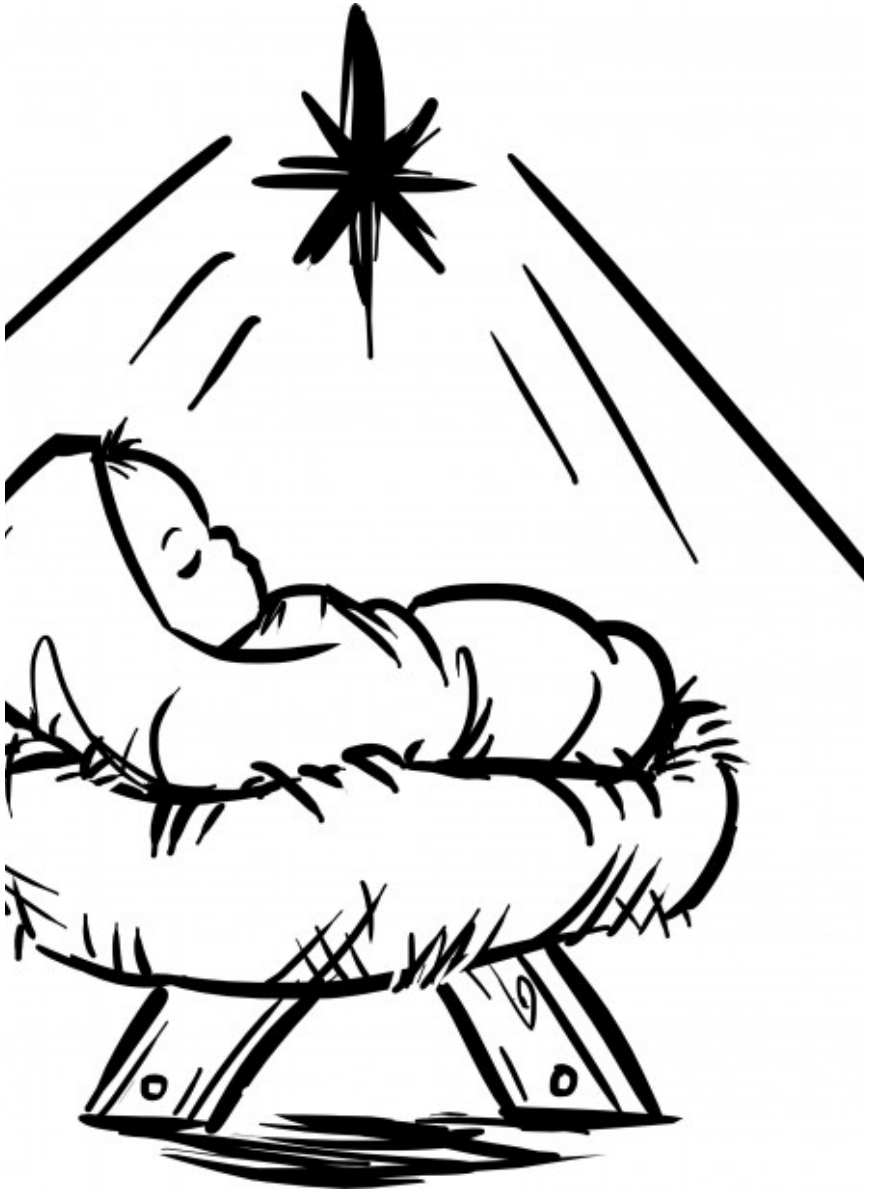


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St. Andrew Parish Church



Celebrating the Incarnation

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” is one of many a hymns that connects Advent with the celebration of the Incarnation. In this transition from the prophecies foretelling the coming of the Messiah to the events describing His birth we have the unfolding of the purposes of God. This indicates the nature of God who acts at the right time within human history. “But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children” (Gal.4:4-5)

At Christmas, the Christian community celebrates the nature of God who before the creation of the world decided to take on human flesh out of His love and to be incarnate in person of Jesus Christ. God, the eternal Lover, tabernacle with us in the person of Jesus Christ, for us to experience His unconditional and authentic love. This is the reason for the season and it demands a response from us which can only come from our hearts.

The celebration of the Incarnation, marks the capacity of the heart of God to embrace all aspects of our human nature, including those areas that resist his unconditional and eternal love. There is nothing in us or that we can do to repel this desire of God, who through the Incarnate One , Jesus Christ, has taken our self-centered human nature and transformed it through His selfless life and sacrificial death, in order for us to experience the abundance of His life. This means that we must not be distracted by the ‘bling and glitter’ and the commercialization, which is intended to make us feel, that it is in the material things and what is in our purse and pockets that makes Christmas real. For this reason many in the Christian community protest with the slogan, ‘Jesus is the reason for the season’ or ‘Put Christ back into Christmas.’

Whatever maybe our situation during this Yuletide Season, may we be receptive to the message of the carols and our hearts be warmed by their meaning, so that we can be sensitive and responsive to those less fortunate than ourselves. As it is through such actions of compassion and kindness, that our hearts are able to express the true meaning of Christmas.

Special welcome to all persons worshiping with us this morning including our Archbishop and family.

ORDER OF SERVICE

First Sunday After Christmas Day
8:00 a.m. December 29, 2019

Entrance Hymn 73 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

2. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

3. 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,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

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

SEASONAL SENTENCE

The people who walked in darkness ... *Luke 2:10*

Celebrant: (+) Grace mercy and peace from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All: And also with you

Celebrant: Let us give thanks for the Nativity of our Lord. Alleluia

All: Through whose life salvation shines. Alleluia

COLLECT FOR PURITY

ALL: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.

Canticle of Praise: Glory Be to God on high! (Gwalchmai)

1. Glory be to God on high, Alleluia!
Let the whole creation cry, Alleluia!
Peace and blessing He has given, Alleluia!
Earth repeat the songs of heaven, Alleluia!
2. Creatures of the field and flood, Alleluia!
Earth and sea cry "God is good," Alleluia!
Toiling pilgrims raise the song, Alleluia!
Saints in light the strain prolong, Alleluia!

3. Stars that have no voice to sing Alleluia!
Give their glory to our King, Alleluia!
Silent powers and angels' song, Alleluia!
All unto our God belong, Alleluia

Celebrant: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT FOR FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY
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MINISTRY OF THE WORD *(All Sit)*

First Reading Isaiah 61: 10 - 62:3 Tony Patel

Psalms 147: 13 - 21 **Chanted** **(All stand)**

Second Reading Galatians 3: 23 - 25; 4: 4 - 7
Camille Isaacs-Morell

Sequence Hymn 76 Cum dung to all a we

1. Christ Jesus Lord from heaven above,
Cum dung to all a we
O fill us with your mighty love,
Cum dung to all a we
we be not worthy of your grace,
Cum dung to all a we
but help us, Lord, to see your face.
Cum dung to all a we

Refrain
Cum dung, Jesus, cum dung, cum dung,
cum dung to all a we;

O Lord Jesus, cum dung to all a we,

O Lord Jesus, cum dung to all a we.

2. You died on Calvary for our sake,
Cum dung to all a we
amendments for our sins you make,
Cum dung to all a we
shine down on us your radiant light,
Cum dung to all a we
enlighten our sins' darkest night.
Cum dung to all a we. **R.**

3. O rid us of all care and woe,
Cum dung to all a we
and put in place your heavenly glow,
Cum dung to all a we
come in all power and majesty,
Cum dung to all a we
Cum dung to all a we
bring us salvation, make us free.
Cum dung to all a we. **R.**

4. Cum dung, Lord, an' go no more,
Cum dung to all a we
cum dung an' stay upon dis shore,
Cum dung to all a we
yes, cum dung, Lord, please go no more,
Cum dung to all a we
O cum dung, Lord, for evermore.
Cum dung to all a we. **R.**

The Alleluia is sung before and after the Gospel.

Gospel: John 1: 1 - 18

Sermon: The Most Rev. Howard Gregory

The Nicene Creed

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: Holy and lowly One, Jesus, Friend and brother, we rejoice in
your coming among us. You come down to lift us up, You

come as the light to our darkness; we welcome and adore you. We pray for your church throughout the world; may we reveal your saving power and abide in your love. We pray for the work of the church among the poor and the outcasts of our world. We pray for the clergy in this diocese, Howard, our Archbishop; Robert and Leon, Suffragan Bishops; Sirrano, Mark, Craig, Claude, Andrea, and all other clergy and church workers.

King of glory, come to earth

All: Lift us up into your kingdom

Leader: Prince of peace, we pray for peace in the Holy Land; for peace among nations and goodwill throughout the world. Lord of the nations we pray for our nation and our leaders. We pray for Patrick, Governor General; Andrew, Prime Minister; Peter, Leader of the Parliamentary Opposition; Members of the House of Representatives, and the Judiciary, that they may serve justice, protect and safe-guard our human rights.

King of glory, come to earth

All: Lift us up into your kingdom

Leader: Lord, born in Bethlehem, we pray for our families, for all with whom we share this Christmas time: we rejoice in their love and your love for us all. For the communities to which we belong and the places where we work that we may know the presence of your peace. We remember absent friends and loved ones, all who will be alone this Christmas time.

King of glory, come to earth

All: Lift us up into your kingdom

Leader: At this time of joy and rejoicing we remember all who are sad, all whose lives are full of sorrow, fear or darkness. We pray for all who are in care, in hospital or in a hospice, we remember those who have no home and will have restless sleep this night. We pray especially for friends and loved ones who are ill...

King of glory, come to earth

All: Lift us up into your kingdom

Leader: We rejoice with all who have entered into the fullness of your presence, all who are at peace in your kingdom. We pray for friends and loved ones departed...

King of glory, come to earth

All: Lift us up into your kingdom
Silence is Kept

INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP PRAYER

All: Heavenly Father, we thank You that You have awakened Your church to hear again the call of our Saviour Jesus Christ to come to Him and learn from Him. Grant that as we say ‘yes’ to His call to discipleship, your Holy Spirit will enable us so completely to commit all the areas of our lives to His service, that in our personal, family and church lives, our work, recreational and social lives, we would act as Jesus would have acted if He were in our place; in His name and for His sake we pray.

Celebrant: Create in us clean hearts O God and renew us with your Holy Spirit. In penitence and faith let us confess our sins to almighty God.

All: Merciful God, our maker and our Redeemer we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed: we have not love you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as our selves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE ABSOLUTION: Almighty God , have mercy on you...

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles...

THE GREETING OF PEACE *(All stand)*

Celebrant: “Glory to God in the highest heaven,

People: And peace to all persons who enjoy God’s favour.”

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

During the sharing of peace the following chorus is sung

Peace and lo-lo-lo-lo-love goodwill to all men

Peace and lo-lo-lo-lo-love, goodwill to all men

Peace and lo-lo-lo-lo-love,

to all God’s children

For God sits on the throne,

God sits on the throne.

OFFERING OF THE EUCHARISTIC SACRIFICE

Offertory Hymn: Medley of carols

1. Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.

2. Shepherds in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant light. **R**

Refrain

*Come and worship, come and worship
Worship Christ, the new born King.*

1. Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

2. Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn
King. **R**

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

1. 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."

2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored:
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of the favored one.
Veil'd in flesh, the Godhead see;
Hail, the incarnate Deity:
Pleased, as man, with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel! **R**

Refrain:

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King!"*

3. Hail! the heav'n born Prince of peace!
Hail! the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen 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. **R**

Celebrant: My sisters and brothers in Christ, let us offer our work and worship to our Heavenly Father, asking for His grace to transform the world and our lives for His Kingdom.

All: *Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us; this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

PRESIDENT: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

PRESIDENT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

PRESIDENT:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and arch-angels and with all the company of heaven, who forever 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.***

PRESIDENT: Therefore, Father, according to the command of your dearly beloved Son

All: **We remember His death
We proclaim His resurrection
We await His coming in Glory**

PRESIDENT.... In songs of everlasting praise:

**All: Blessing and honour Alleluia!
 glory and power Alleluia!
 be yours for ever and ever. Alleluia
 Amen, Amen, Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

Breaking of Bread page145

President: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

All: Though we are many we are one body because we all share in one bread.

Agnus Dei

Oh Lamb of God, oh Lamb of God
You take away the sin of the world
Have mercy pon wi soul *(Repeat)*

Oh Lamb of God, oh Lamb of God
You take away the sin of the world
Give us peace.

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President: The gifts of God for the people of God

All: Our souls will feast and be satisfied and we will sing glad songs of praise to the Lord.

Hymns During Communion:

642 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed

1. 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, a sleep on the hay.

2. 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 night.

3. 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.

Child in the manger, infant of Mary;

1. Child in the manger, infant of Mary;
outcast and stranger, Lord of all;
Child who inherits all our transgressions,
all our demerits on Him fall.

2. Once the most holy Child of salvation
gently and lowly lived below;
now, as our glorious mighty Redeemer,
see Him victorious o'er each foe.

3. Prophets foretold Him, infant of wonder;
angels behold Him on His throne;
worthy our Savior of all our praises;
happy forever are His own.

Never a baby like Jesus

Refrain:

*Never a baby like Jesus never, never
Never a baby like Jesus never, never
King Emmanuel, Wonderful Counsellor
Never a baby like Jesus*

1. The little baby Jesus born in manger
Jesus my Lord
He came down to earth as a poor
little stranger,
Jesus my Lord. **R**

2. His birth was foretold by the Prophets and Sages
Jesus my Lord
And He is the King and the Lord of all ages

Jesus my Lord. **R**

3. All Princes and Kings cast your crown down before Him.

Jesus my Lord.

And let the whole world come kneel down and adore Him,

Jesus my Lord. **R**

Meditation

Praise to God

Choir

Post Communion Prayer

All : Eternal God and Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you, and all persons in you, with gladness and singleness of heart. Through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Jesus born (Mi nuh drink coffee tea)

1. Praise de Lawd shout fi joy Jesus born
Angels sing loud and high Jesus born
On dat mornin so long ago,
In a stable so mean and low
Jesus Christ, Son of God He was born!

2. Christmas morning is here shout fi joy
Children sing loud and clear, it's a boy
Ring the bells blow di trumpets loud
Sing a song, come on strong and proud
Spread the word tell the wor'l Jesus born!

3. Hallelujah to God Jesus born
One big star shine like mad when Him born
And God's glory was everywhere
When he sent us His son to share,
Glory, Glory to God Jesus born.

Faith Formation and Christian Education

Did you Know?

There is no evidence for the observance of Christmas Day on December 25 before 300 AD. In fact, the earliest record of December 25 as a church festival is in the Philoclean Calendar (which was copied in 354 AD, but represents the practice of the Church of Rome in

336 AD). One reason given for this day being chosen is that heathens would have their festival of the sun on December 25, and so in an effort to contradict this festival, Christians decide that they would gather on this day to celebrate the birth of the Son of Righteousness.

(C.F. Pfeiffer, H.F. Vos, & J. Rea, *Whycliffe Bible Dictionary*, 2008).

Quote for Reflection

It's funny how we 'do' Christmas. Christmas is not something that we do, it is something that was done. It celebrates the long awaited arrival of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. We had nothing to do with it, but what we can do is praise God for the coming of the Lord, who washed away the sins of the world by dying on the cross.

(Monica Johnson, n.d.)

SICK AND SHUT - IN

Egbert Robertson (Priest)

Heron Wright

Pauline Christie

Ernie Gordon (Priest)

Ina Robinson

Joscelyn Richards

Ellonia Gordon

Allan Kirton

Gwen Donaldson

Richard Frater

Mildred Johnson

Phyllis Brown

Kindly inform the Church Office when you become aware of members who are ill at home, in hospital, or absent from Church for a while.

IMPORTANT DATES 2020

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| Feast of the Epiphany | Sunday January 5, 2020 |
| The Baptism of our Lord | Sunday January 12, 2020 |
| Marian Service | Wednesday January 22, 2020 |
| Congregational Meeting | Sunday January 26, 2020 |
| Deanery Day | Sunday February 9, 2020 |

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON 2019 - 20

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| Dec. 29 | 6:30 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| | 8:00 a.m. | Solemn Eucharist and Sermon (Christmas Sunday) |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Mass for the homebound and elderly |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Evening Prayer |
| Dec. 31 | 11:00 p.m. | New Year's Eve – Watch Night Service |
| Jan. 1 | 8:00 a.m. | The Naming of Jesus (Holy Name) |
| Jan. 5 | 6:30 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| | 8:00 a.m. | Solemn Eucharist and Sermon |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Morning Prayer |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| Jan. 6 | 9:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist - The Epiphany |

Can you sing? The Choir is in need of additional voices. Come and sing to the Lord, for January 2020. Please contact the Church Office.

Readings for Jan. 5, 2020 Year A: Jeremiah 31: 7-14, Psalm 84:1-8, Ephesians 1: 3-6, 15-19a, Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23, or Luke 2:41-52 or Matthew2: 1-12.

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Ena-Mae Miller 29/12, Dana Harris and Beverly Robinson-Muir 31/12, Rocheke Blake and Pauline Christie 01/01, David Francis 02/01, Christene Johnson-Kelly and Khristian McKenzie-Marley 03/01.

Congratulations to Paul and Jacinth Wright who will celebrate 40 years of marriage on the 30th. To Robert and Sheila Martin who will celebrate 42 years of marriage on January 2.

Happy Belated Birthday wishes to Cynthia Bonner a shut-in member who celebrated 104 years on the 22nd.

Condolence is extended to Mavis Morgan and family on the passing of her sister Alilean Davidson. The funeral service for Earle Stephens will be on Monday 30th at 10:30 a.m..

The Church's Annual Congregational meeting will be held on January 26, 2020, after the 8:00 a.m. service.

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 29, 2019 Year A

Intentional Discipleship: Walk With Jesus and Keep the Faith

6:30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament: Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3 Andre Gooden

Psalms 147: 13 - 21 BCP page 662 (*All sit*)

Refrain "Praise the Lord, who heals the broken hearted"

Epistle Galatians 3:23 - 25; 4:4 - 7 Jennifer Goodison

Gospel John 1:1 - 18

Prayers of Intercession

