

St. Luke's Anglican Church

760 Somerset Street West, Ottawa

Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 24, 2009

Welcome to our celebration of the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

As a symbol of our unity with God, each other and the Communion of Saints, all baptised persons, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive the Holy Communion. *It is appropriate to receive just the bread at communion.*

Carolling before the service

Choir: *To Thee With Joy I Sing* Mark Sedio

All: Hymn 126 *Away in a Manger*

Choir: *Christmas Night* John Rutter

All: Hymn 125: *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

Choir: *Still, Still, Still* Martin Shaw

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude: *Variations on 'Lo, How a Rose'* Joel Allison (violin)

Sonata in E major (Joel & Seth Allison) G. F. Handel

During the prelude, tapers will be lit.

Meditation: Hymn 119: *Silent Night*

Processional Hymn: 118 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (vv. 1-4)

(Tapers may be extinguished.)

The Blessing of the Tree and Creche

The Gathering of the Community, page 185

Glory to God, page 186 Setting: Richard Dacey

The Collect of the Day: **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 for ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: Isaiah 9: 2-7

Gwen MacLean

Psalm 96, page 834

REFRAIN:

Cantor: Howard Banks

Second Lesson: Titus 2: 11-14

Don MacLeod

Gradual: Hymn 121 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

The Holy Gospel: St. Luke 2: 1-14

The Homily

The Apostles' Creed: Hymn 44

The Prayers of the People led by Danita Poelzer

Confession and Absolution, page 191

The Exchange of the Peace

Offertory Hymn: 135 *Shepherds in the Field Abiding*

The Prayer over the Gifts: **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 for ever. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer 3, page 198

Preface of Christmas, page 219

The Lord's Prayer, page 211

The Breaking of the Bread, Sentence 6, page 213

The Communion

Lamb of God and Hymn 122 sung during Communion

Anthem: *Joy to the World* arr. John Rutter

Prayer after Communion: **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.**

The Doxology, page 214

Recessional Hymn: 138 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

