

St. Luke's Church

760 Somerset St. West, Ottawa



Christmas Day

Friday, December 25, 2009

10:00 a.m.

***Welcome** to our celebration of the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. All are welcome, including children of any age, to receive Holy Communion here at St. Luke's. May you know God's peace and love throughout this holy season.*

The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Prelude: *A Christmas Triptych*

John Ferguson

Meditation: *Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

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Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Opening Hymn: *Go Tell it on the Mountain* see insert

The Gathering of the Community, page 185

Glory to God

setting: Richard Dacey

The Collect of the Day: **Almighty God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem, may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: Isaiah 9: 2-7

Jennifer Camfield

Psalm: 96, page 834

Refrain:

Cantor: Michel Paradis

Second Lesson: Titus 2: 11-14

Michel Paradis

Gradual: Hymn 146 *'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime*

The Holy Gospel: St. John 1. 1-14

The Homily

The Apostles' Creed: Hymn 44

The Prayers of the People

led by John Price

Confession and Absolution, page 191

The Exchange of the Peace

Offertory Hymn: 153 *Good Christians All, Rejoice*

The Prayer over the Gifts: **Generous Creator, in faith and joy we celebrate the birth of your Son. Increase our understanding and our love of the riches you have revealed in him, who is Lord now and for ever.**

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

Prayer after Communion: **Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.**

The Doxology, page 214

Closing Hymn: 154 *Joy to the World*

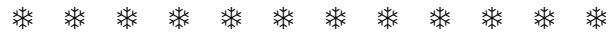
The Dismissal, page 215

Postlude: *In Dulci Jubilo*

Denis Bédard

**THE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE
GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

Gale Sparling, Frank and Allie Howe, James, Lily and Percy Wigmore, Bea Ritchie; The Reverend Canon Wayne Thomas; Robert S. Findlay, Margaret and Robert A. Findlay, Frances and Garnet Wright; Margaret and Cecil Tate, Dorothy Burns; Marjorie, Knox and Jack MacLeod; Olive, Bert and Glen Matchett; Douglas Schnare, Cecile and Raymond Paradis; Frederick Griffin; Dr. and Mrs. Harry Barnes; Gordon Wright; Rosie and David Walker, Margaret Thompson, Mary Shipman, Allan MacAulay, George Fenn; Meredith Jones and Dennis Kearn; Bob Dawson; Annie Riley; Barbara and Don MacEachern, Harold Worden, Sally Worden and Dorothy Worden; Hazel and Enoch Dupras, Earle and Annie Dryden; Leonard Foss; Bob Penwarden.



Thank you to everyone who has helped with our Christmas celebrations: our guest celebrant, The Reverend Jim Collins; our organist & choir director Robert Jones; eucharistic minister Sheldon Mulligan; sides persons Sally Griffin and John Price; secretary/cleaner Debbie Dugas, readers, intercessor, church decorators; the altar guild, and all others who have helped prepare for this day.

SERVICES AT ST. LUKE'S:

Sun., Dec. 27 Choral Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

Interim Rector: The Venerable Gordon Worden
Organist & Choir Director: Robert Jones

***MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A BLESSED NEW YEAR!***

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH FOR

CHRISTMAS DAY

Reader 1: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world".

All: "Anyone who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Reader: We light this candle to remember those we have loved and lost. We pause to remember their names, their faces, their voices, the memories that bind them to us in this season.

(First candle is lit) **All:** May God's eternal love surround them.

Reader 2: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

All: "Anyone who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Reader: We light this second candle to redeem the pain of loss: the loss of relationships, the loss of jobs, the loss of health. We pause to gather up the pain of the past and offer it to God, asking that from God's hands we receive the gift of peace.

(The second candle is lit.) **All:** Refresh, restore, renew us, O God, and lead us into your future.

Reader 3: Jesus said, "Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

All: "Anyone who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Reader: We light this third candle to remember these past weeks and months: the disbelief, the anger, the down times, the joy and sorrow of memories, the hugs and handshakes of family and friends who care for us. We give thanks for the support we have known.

(The third candle is lit) **All:** Let us remember that after every night comes the dawn of a new day.

Reader 4: Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world."

All: "Anyone who follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

Reader: We light this fourth candle to remember our faith and the gift of hope that the Christmas story offers us. We give

thanks for all the support we have known.

(The fourth candle is lit)

Reader 5: Jesus said, I am the Light of the world”

All: “Anyone who follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”

Reader 5: In this season of short days and long nights, of grey and white and cold, teach us the lessons of beginnings; that such waitings and endings may be the starting place, a planting of seeds which bring to birth what is ready to be born – something right and just and different, a new song, a deeper relationship, a fuller love – in the fullness of your time. O God, grant us the sense of your timing.

GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

*Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere.*

*Go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.*

1. While shepherd kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light.
Go, tell it...
2. The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Saviour's birth.
Go, tell it...
3. Down in a lonely manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent our salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.
Go, tell it...