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*We acknowledge that we are situated on the traditional and  
ancestral land of the Semiahmoo First Nation.*



## **EVENSONG**

**Sunday, January 12, 2025 – 5:00 PM**

**Baptism of our Lord**

In Christ we are a caring community  
seeking and welcoming others to join us on our faith journey.

## CONCERNING EVENSONG

**P**ERHAPS nothing is more peculiarly Anglican than the ORDER OF EVENSONG. It has been sung daily in the Anglican Church since the sixteenth century. Originating from the monastic hours, its beauty consists of the distinctive parts of the ancient office of Vespers and Compline as set forth by Thomas Cranmer in *The Book of Common Prayer* 1549. Today's ORDER OF EVENSONG is taken from the Book of Common Prayer 1662 and the 1962 Book of Common Prayer of the Anglican Church of Canada.

There is a formality about the service which often seems far removed from the uncertain, large incoherent beliefs of many who attend; it is a choral service with little opportunity for the congregation to take an active part. Yet to some extent the formality is deceptive: the words used result from the long quest of generation after generation of Christians for ways to express their thanksgiving and their hope. The preface to the ORDER OF EVENSONG used in King's College Chapel offers a further explanation:

*If you are prepared to join in this turning towards God, you will find this is a service in which you can join, though perhaps in ways that are unfamiliar. Here is a liturgical, architectural, and musical space into which, without fretting too much about the words, you may gather the preoccupations and anxieties of your own life and hold them together with a recollection of the God whose acts we celebrate. But many have found that once they have quietly offered the preoccupations which are chattering in their minds they are free silently to go on to offer to God all that they are. The service becomes the medium for our self-offering. By that offering we become open to receive again the love and mercy of God. So we begin again in the Christian life, which is life lived in response to that love and mercy.*

[Michael Till, Dean of King's College, Cambridge 1970-1981]

**The congregation is invited to attend carefully to the texts of the service and to boldly join in singing the designated portions.**

## EVENSONG

12 January 2025

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

*All shall stand at the tolling of the bell for the entrance of the ministers and choir.*

*The Officiant greets the community*

**A**S WE begin our worship, we acknowledge with respect that we gather on the traditional and ancestral territories of the Semiahmoo First Nation and we pray that we may live more deeply into the calls to action from Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

### OPENING SENTENCE

*The Officiant shall say;*

Seek him that made the Pleiades and Orion, that turneth deep darkness into the morning, and darkeneth the day into night; that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The Lord is his Name. *Amos 5:8*

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*The Officiant shall say;*

**D**EARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

*A general Confession to be said of the whole Congregation after the Minister, all kneeling, as able.*

**A**LMIGHTY and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like  
Lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We  
have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to  
have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, And there is  
no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou  
them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore thou them that are penitent, According to  
thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful  
Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the  
glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

*The Absolution or Remission of sins to be pronounced by the Priest alone, standing: the people still kneeling.*

**A**LMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a  
sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given  
power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being  
penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them  
that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to  
grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do  
at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last  
we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## PRECES

*The Officiant shall continue:*

<i>Officiant</i>	O Lord, open thou our lips;
<i>Choir and People</i>	And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
<i>Officiant</i>	O God, make speed to save us.
<i>Choir and People</i>	O Lord make haste to help us.
<i>Officiant</i>	Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
<i>Choir and People</i>	As it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.
<i>Officiant</i>	Praise ye the Lord.
<i>Choir and People</i>	The Lord's name be praised.

*All shall sit for the appointed PSALM.*

PSALM 34:1-14 *Benedicam Dominum*

*Chanted by the precentor.*

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; \*  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the Lord; \*  
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; \*  
let us exalt his name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me \*  
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, \*  
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me \*  
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, \*  
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; \*  
happy are they who trust in him!
- 9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, \*  
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, \*  
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
- 11 Come, children, and listen to me; \*  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- 12 Who among you loves life \*  
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?
- 13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking \*  
and your lips from lying words.
- 14 Turn from evil and do good; \*  
seek peace and pursue it.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen.

A reading from Genesis, the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter, beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

**I**N THE BEGINNING when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild

animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

HERE ENDETH THE LESSON.

*All stand, as able.*

1 O glad - some light, O grace of God the Fa - ther's face,  
 2 As day fades in - to night, we see the eve - ning light,  
 3 To you of right be - longs all praise of ho - ly songs,

the e - ter - nal splen - dour wear - ing; ce - les - tial, ho - ly, blest,  
 our hymn of praise out - pour - ing, Fa - ther of might un - known,  
 O Son of God, life - giv - er; you, there - fore, O Most High,

our Sav - iour Je - sus Christ, joy - ful in your ap - pear - ing.  
 Christ, his in - car - nate Son, and Ho - ly Spirit, a - dor - ing.  
 the world will glo - ri - fy, and shall ex - alt for ev - er.



*All shall remain standing for the* MAGNIFICAT (The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

MAGNIFICAT

*Samuel Wesley (1766-1837)*



**M**Y SOUL doth | magnify · the | Lord :  
and my spirit hath re | joiced · in | God my | Saviour.  
For | he hath · re | garded :  
the | lowli · ness | of his | handmaiden.  
For be | hold, from | henceforth :  
all gene | rations · shall | call me | blessèd.  
For he that is mighty hath | magni · fied | me :  
and | holy | is his | Name.  
And his mercy is on | them that | fear him :  
throughout | **all** | gene | rations.  
He hath showed | strength · with his | arm :  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagin | ation | of their | hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty | from their | seat :  
and hath ex | alted · the | humble · and | meek.  
He hath filled the | hungry · with | good things :  
and the rich he | hath sent | empty · a | way.  
He re | membering · his | mercy  
hath | holpen · his | servant | Israel :  
As he promised | to our | forefathers,  
Abraham | and his | seed for | ever.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, and | to the | Son :  
and | to the | Holy | Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be :  
world without | **end.** | **A** | men.

*All shall sit.*

## SECOND LESSON

John 1:1-7, 19-20, 29-34

A reading from the Gospel according to St. John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter, beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

**I**N 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 came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, ‘Who are you?’ He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, ‘I am not the Messiah.’

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, ‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.” And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’

HERE ENDETH THE LESSON.

*All shall stand for the* NUNC DIMITTIS (The Song of Simeon).



**L**ORD, now lettest thou thy servant de | part in | peace :  
 ac | cording | to thy | word.  
 For mine eyes have | seen thy · sal | vation,  
 Which thou hast prepared be | fore the | face · of all | people;  
 To be a light to | lighten · the | Gentiles :  
 and to be the | glory · of thy | people | Israel.  
 GLORY BE TO THE FÁTHER, and | to the | Son :  
 and | to the | Holy | Ghost;  
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be :  
 world without | **end.** | **A** | men.

*All shall remain standing, taking up the APOSTLES' CREED, following the officiant;*

## APOSTLES' CREED

## MONOTONE

**I**BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ  
 His only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary:  
 Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The  
 third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right  
 hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the  
 dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints:  
 The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body. And the Life everlasting. Amen.

## LESSER LITANY

*Then shall the people stand or kneel as able.*

<i>Officiant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>Choir and People</i>	And with thy spirit.
<i>Officiant</i>	Let us pray.
<i>Choir and People</i>	Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
	Lord, have mercy upon us.

*The people continue after the officiant.*

## LORD'S PRAYER

MONOTONE

**O**UR 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. Amen.

## SUFFRAGES

*Officiant* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

*Choir and People* And grant us thy salvation.

*Officiant* O Lord, save the King

*Choir and People* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

*Officiant* Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

*Choir and People* And make thy chosen people joyful.

*Officiant* O Lord, save thy people.

*Choir and People* And bless thine inheritance.

*Officiant* Give peace in our time, O Lord.

*Choir and People* Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

*Officiant* O God, make clean our hearts within us.

*Choir and People* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## COLLECTS

*The officiant continues.*

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

**A**LMIGHTY and everliving God, we pray to thee for those we love, but see no longer. Grant them thy peace, let light perpetual shine upon them, and in thy loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of thy perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

### COLLECT FOR PEACE

**O** GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

## COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST PERILS

**L**IGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*All shall be seated for the anthem*

ANTHEM: Love is All Our Joy

Text: Alice Carpenter, from Colossians chapter 3

Arranged by: Malcolm Archer (*b. 1952*)

1. Anointed as God's chosen ones,  
beloved, pure, and holy,  
With patience, kindness, clothe yourselves,  
a mantle, meek and lowly.

### *Refrain*

Love, love, is all our joy,  
binding us in harmony,  
With love we can ne'er destroy  
the peace of Christ within us.

2. Compassion, mercy, charity,  
these gifts to us are given;  
Forgive all others, bear with them,  
as you have been forgiven.
3. Our words, our deeds, our gifts of love,  
to Jesus Christ we raise them,  
Give thanks to God who reigns above,  
sing psalms and hymns to praise Him.

*All shall stand or kneel for the following litany, as able.*

## PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

*The officiant may offer additional prayers or intercessions.*

## GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*All shall say;*

**A**LMIGHTY GOD, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## PRAYER OF ST CHRYSOSTOM

*The prayer shall be pronounced by the Officiant alone;*

**A**LMIGHTY GOD, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

*All remain standing, as able, for the singing of the hymn.*



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,  
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,  
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,  
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Words: Jan Struther (1901-1953). By permission of Oxford University Press. Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927; harm. *Hymnal* 1982.

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Then shall the officiant continue;*

THE GRACE of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

*All shall stand for the retiring procession.*

VOLUNTARY

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Officiant	The Rev. Joseph Dirbas
First Lesson	Susan Cummings
Second Lesson	Susanna Hampson-Thorpe
Crucifer	Karyn Eisler
Organist	Ulo Valdma
Music Director	Maria Golas
Greeter	TBA

## WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all who have come to worship with us today. We are a joyful, inclusive/ service-oriented community. Our church building is a sacred space and a house of prayer for all. Our parish is composed of people from infants to grandparents, from cradle Anglicans to seekers, and we pride ourselves in being a place where a diverse range of opinions are held and respected. While we are a varied group, we strive to be unified as the Body of Christ.

We centre ourselves around our baptismal vow to, “strive for justice and peace among all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being”. Our community also extends far beyond our pews as we seek to feed, clothe, and support people who are in need.

We pray you will feel at home here and, no matter your reason for joining us. We welcome you with open arms regardless of your race, age, culture, ethnicity, nationality, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, marital status, previous religious affiliation, or socioeconomic status. All are welcome at Church of the Holy Trinity, and we hope to see you back here soon! Please feel free to contact us.

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