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*The Nativity with Two Angels*, Filippino Lippi (1457-1504)

## *Christmas Day*

Thursday, December 25, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

High Mass

Our Church stands on the unceded traditional  
territory of the Anishinaabe Algonquin Nation.

## Organ Prelude

Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her  
(‘From heaven above to earth I come’)

Heinrich Scheidemann (1595-1663)

## Mass Setting

Missa de Angelis

Plainsong

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## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

### The Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Voice 1:** Today, we light the Christ candle as we celebrate the birth of Christ. *(the candle is lit)*

### Prayer

O God our Father, who 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 forever. **Amen.**

### Opening Hymn

**40      *O come, all ye faithful***  
**vv. 1-3, 6-7**

**Adeste Fideles**

### Introit Proper

Unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given : and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his Name shall be called, Angel of mighty Counsel. *Ps.* O sing unto the Lord a new song : for he hath done marvellous things. Unto us ... Blessed be ...

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## Collect

Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin: grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit, through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

VIII.2



Psalm 96. *Cantate Domino.*

<sup>1</sup> O sing unto the Lord a new *song*; / **sing unto the Lord, *all* the whole earth.**



- <sup>2</sup> Sing unto the Lord, and praise his *Name*; / be telling of his *salva-tion* from day to<sup>^</sup>day.
- <sup>3</sup> Declare his honour among the *na*-tions, / and his wonders a-*mong* all peo-ples.
- <sup>4</sup> For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be *prais*-ed; / he is *more* to be fear-*ed* than all gods.
- <sup>5</sup> As for all the gods of the peoples, they are but *i*-dols; / but it is the Lord that *made* the hea-*vens*.
- <sup>6</sup> Honour and majesty are be-*fore* him: / strength and beauty are in his *sanc-tu-a-ry*.
- <sup>7</sup> Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the *peo*-ples, / ascribe unto the Lord *glo*-ry and power.
- <sup>8</sup> Give unto the Lord the honour due unto his *Name*; / bring presents and come *in*-to his courts.
- <sup>9</sup> O worship the Lord in the beauty of *ho*-li<sup>^</sup>ness; / let the whole earth *stand* in awe of<sup>^</sup>him.
- <sup>10</sup> Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is *King*; / he hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved; he shall judge the *peo*-ples righ-*teous*<sup>^</sup>ly.
- <sup>11</sup> Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be *glad*; / let the sea make a noise, and all *that* is there-in.
- <sup>12</sup> Let the field be joyful, and all that is *in* it; / then shall all the trees of the wood re-*joice* before the<sup>^</sup>Lord;
- <sup>13</sup> For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the *earth*, / and with righteousness to judge the world, and the *peo*-ples with his<sup>^</sup>truth.

## Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has

inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you”? Or again, “I will be his Father, and he will be my Son”? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.” Of the angels he says, “He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire.” But of the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.” And, “In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end.”

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

**30     *Angels from the realm of glory***

**Iris**

Gradual Proper

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God : O be joyful in God, all ye lands. *V.* The Lord hath declared his salvation : in the sight of the heathen hath he openly shewed his righteousness. Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* A hallowed day hath dawned upon the earth; come, ye nations, and worship the Lord : for on this day a great light hath descended upon the earth. Alleluia.

**Gospel Luke 2:1-20 (KJV)**

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

✠ The Holy Gospel is written in the second chapter of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke, beginning at the first verse.

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Rev. Canon George Kwari

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## Offertory Proper

The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine; thou hast laid the foundations of the round world, and all that therein is: righteousness and equity are the habitation of thy seat.

## Offertory Hymn

**36**     *Good Christians all, rejoice*                      In Dulci Jubilo

## 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. **Amen.**

## THE CANON OF THE MASS

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## Communion Proper

Be joyful, O daughter of Sion, sing praises, O daughter of Jerusalem : behold, thy king cometh; he is righteous and having salvation.

## Communion Hymn

**57     *Away in a manger***

**Cradle Song**

### Prayer after Communion

Father of all, the child born for us is the Saviour of the world. May he who made us your children welcome us into your kingdom, where he is alive and reigns with you now and forever. **Amen.**

### The Doxology

Glory to God, **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 forever and ever. Amen.**

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### Post-Communion Hymn

**9     *Joy to the world; the Lord is come*     Joy To The World**

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### Organ Postlude

In dulci jubilo, BWV 608    Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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