

GRACE

CHURCH ON-THE-HILL

EVE OF CHRISTMAS
10 P.M. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 2022
CHORAL EUCHARIST — ORDER OF SERVICE



PRÉLUDE

Variations On Noël 10

LOUIS DAQUIN

(PLAYED BY SEBASTIAN MOREAU)

INTROIT

Hodie Christus natus est

BRITTEN

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Today is Christ born;

hodie Salvator apparuit:

today the Savior has appeared;

hodie in terra canunt Angeli,

today the Angels sing,

laetantur Archangeli:

the Archangels rejoice;

hodie exsultant justi, dicentes:

today the righteous rejoice, saying:

Gloria in excelsis Deo, alleluja.

Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia!

HYMN 118

O Come, All Ye Faithful!

ADESTE FIDELES

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem:

come and behold him, born the King of angels;

℞ O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of Light,

lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;

very God, begotten not created: ℞

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,

sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;

glory to God, all glory in the highest: ℞

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle;

Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;

we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps: ℞

Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning;

Jesus, to thee be glory given;

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: ℞

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **And also with you.**
Unto us a child is born. **O Come, let us worship.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.**

KYRIE

Missa ad Praesepe

MALCOLM

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christe eleison

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy upon us.

COLLECT FOR THE EVE OF CHRISTMAS

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.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

READ BY MAYA BHATTACHARJEE

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.**

PSALM 96—*Cantate Domino.*

O SING unto the Lord a new song:

 sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.

Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name:

 be telling of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his honour unto the heathen:

 and his wonders unto all people.

For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised:

 he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols:

 but it is the Lord that made the heavens.

Glory and worship are before him:

 power and honour are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people:

 ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.

Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name:

 bring presents and come into his courts.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

 let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is King:

 and that it is he who hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved; and how that he shall judge the people righteously.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad:

let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.

Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it:

then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth:

and with righteousness to judge the world,
and the people with his truth.

EPISTLE

Titus 2:11-14

READ BY ERIN ILES

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 136 *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*

WINCHESTER OLD

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind.

"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and humankind.

To you, in David's town, this day
is born of David's line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign:

the heavenly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swaddling bands,
and in a manger laid."

Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song:

"All glory be to God on high,
and to the world be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven to earth
begin, and never cease."

GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to

deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and 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 heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!’

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

THE REV. MARIA LING

NICENE CREED

Let us confess the faith, as we say,

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE REV. DEACON DANIEL JOSEPH

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

A Boy Was Born

BRITTEN

*A Boy was born in Bethlehem, Rejoice for that, Jerusalem! Alleluya.
He let himself a servant be, That all mankind He might set free: Alleluya.
Then praise the Word of God who came to dwell within a human frame: Alleluya.*

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the mystery of his incarnation was made perfect man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; in him we have seen a new and radiant vision of your glory. Therefore, with all the angels of heaven, we lift our voices and sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Missa ad Praesepe

MALCOLM

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." And after supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our 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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI

Missae ad Praesepe

MALCOLM

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us peace.

COMMUNION MOTET *Maria durch ein Dornwald ging* ARR. STEPHEN CLAAS

*Maria durch ein Dornwald ging,
Kyrie eleison.*

*Maria durch ein Dornwald ging,
der hat in sieben Jahrn kein Laub getragen.
Jesus und Maria.*

*Was trug Maria unter ihrem Herzen?
Kyrie eleison.*

*Ein kleines Kindlein ohne Schmerzen,
das trug Maria unter ihrem Herzen.
Jesus und Maria.*

*Da haben die Dornen Rosen getragen,
Kyrie eleison.*

*Als das Kindlein durch den Wald getragen,
da haben die Dornen Rosen getragen.
Jesus und Maria.*

Mary walked through a wood of thorn
Lord have mercy.

Mary walked through a wood of thorn,
which seven long years no leaf had borne;
Jesus and Mary.

What bore Mary beneath her heart?
Lord have mercy.

A little child without any smart
Mary bore beneath her heart,
Jesus and Mary.

Then roses sprang from out the thorn;
Lord have mercy.

As the Christ child through the wood was born,
roses sprang from out the thorn;
Jesus and Mary.

COMMUNION HYMN 129 *No Crowded Eastern Street*

HERITAGE

No crowded eastern street,
no sound of passing feet;
far to the left and far to right
the prairie snows spread fair and white;
yet still to us is born tonight
the child, the King of glory.

No rock-hewn place of peace
shared with the gentle beasts,
but sturdy farm house, stout and warm,
with stable, shed, and great red barn;
and still to us is born tonight
the child, the King of glory.

No blaze of heavenly fire,
no bright celestial choir,
only the starlight as of old,
crossed by the planes' flash, red and gold;
yet still to us is born tonight
the child, the King of glory.

No kings with gold and grain,
no stately camel train;
yet to his presence all may stand
with loving heart and willing hand;
for still to us is born tonight
the child, the King of glory.

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 BLESSING

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 the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

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

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
 late in time behold him come, offspring of a Virgin's womb.
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity,
 pleased as one of us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. ℞

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
 Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
 born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth. ℞

DISMISSAL

Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Toccata sur "Il et ne, le divin Enfant"

DENIS BÉDARD

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN
 LOVING MEMORY OF DR. G.E. PEARSON WILSON, JOHN ANDREW MILROY,
 EDWARD W. H (TED) TREMAIN, MARILYN ELEAZAR ANDEN, RN, BSCN,
 HARRIET & ALFRED BUNTING, SANDRA SHARWOOD AND ON BEHALF OF
 THE EVAN EDWARD PRICE MEMORIAL.

UPCOMING AT GRACE CHURCH ON-THE-HILL

Getting Involved at Grace: New or recently returned to Grace? We need your help! As we emerge from years of pandemic, many of the ministries here could use volunteers. Write to pastoralcare@gracechurchonthehill.ca to learn more or speak with a member of the clergy.

Christian Unity: Beginning January 8 and all Sundays in January, meet at 9 am to explore the topic of Christian unity. Join to learn, discuss, and pray about the work of church reunion. Special guest Lim Swee Hong, Professor of sacred music, will join to discuss the work of the World Council of Churches.

Baptism: If you're considering baptism or confirmation for yourself, or having your child baptized, a member of the clergy would be happy to speak with you about preparation. To learn about the next Sunday for baptisms and confirmation you may also write to pastoralcare@gracechurchonthehill.ca

Parish Office Closure: Please note the office will be closed and reopens Jan 3rd.

Epiphany Services: On Jan 1, 2023, celebrate Epiphany with us at 8am & 10am.

Children's Ministry & Nursery: Please note that there will be no Sunday School provided on Dec 25, 2022, and Jan 1, 2023 (Christmas and Epiphany). The Coloring Corner will be available for any children present.

Youth Ministry Meet-Ups: There will be a 3-week break until January 8th, 2023.

Churches on-the-Hill Food Bank: The **JANUARY** Food of the Month donation is **DRY PASTA NOODLES**. Please note: *Egg cartons ARE needed at this time.*

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