

Celebrant: 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 our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

All: **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

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

All: **God here with us, light surrounding us, bring us to light and life.**

You are welcome to receive communion, especially the children.

THE COMMUNION

*Please be seated
Communion will be held at two stations. Please keep your mask on until you have received the bread and walked to the designated area. Remove your mask, eat your bread, replace your mask, sanitize your hands and return to your seat. Please observe physical distancing at all times. If you would like a blessing, please stand in the designated spot and the Priest will give you a blessing.*

Music during communion

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant: 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.

All: Amen.

A THANK YOU TO JESUS

Celebrant: For this happy and exciting time of year,

All: **We thank you, Jesus.**

For Christmas trees, bright lights and decorations.

We thank you, Jesus.

For fun with families and friends,

We thank you, Jesus.

For coming to this world as a little baby.

We thank you, Jesus.

The Blessing

Lights are dimmed and candles "lit" during silent night. You are invited to take your candle home with you!

Dismissal:

Celebrant: Families in Christ, Rejoice! For unto us a child has been born!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional

Postlude

CONSIDER THIS...

Tonight we have come together to celebrate the gift of God's presence in our world, in our midst, and in our own lives. It is given as a gift. Like any gift, it needs to be received. Open your heart and open your life, and receive the gift.

Merry Christmas!!

For more ways to enter into the beautiful story of God's gift, check out: <https://www.trinityaurora.ca/stationsofthestable>

Christmas Eve Family Service

5:00 p.m. Service

With Rev'd Karen & Fr Dan



IF YOU'RE NEW OR VISITING - WELCOME TO TRINITY!

We're glad you are here. Please fill out a Connection Card (located on the hallway welcome desk) and place it in the offering plate at the door at the end of the service and someone will contact you.

Due to Covid-19, protocols for our services, **ALL KIDS and BABIES** must remain with their families. **Please ask a sidesperson for an activity especially for you—you are invited to take it home with you, after the service.** Our **NURSERY** services are not available, at this time. Parents or guardians, keep you children with them throughout the service.

TRINITY SEEKS TO BE A SAFE, INCLUSIVE & ACCESSIBLE SPACE.

If you have special accessibility needs (hearing devices, mobility assistance or large print bulletins) please speak to a sidesperson.

Music by permission CCLI 2731254

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge our indebtedness to the first Indigenous Peoples for the land we are on, particularly our closest neighbours, the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation. We acknowledge also our debt to the saints who came before us and those who built and grew this church. People have met on this site to worship God and witness Christ's love since 1846.

Prelude

Processional music

Please stand

Celebrant I bring you good news of great joy for all of us; because today is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord and so I am happy to welcome you by saying, "the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all".

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty God,
All **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.**

Please be seated

THE PLACING AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

1st Candle is the candle of hope. We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15:12-13)

2nd Candle is the candle of preparation. God kept his promise of a Saviour who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to "get ready". Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD! (Luke 3:4-6)

3rd Candle is the Candle of Joy. Then angels sang a message of JOY! (Luke 2:7-15)

4th Candle is the candle of love. The angels announced the good news of a Saviour. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! (John 3:16-17)

Celebrant: We place our last candle to remember the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He who is the Light has come into the world!

5th Candle is the "CHRIST CANDLE". The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! (John 1:29)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord, you come as a tiny, fragile baby; yet we know that you are God and you are with us. May the flame of this candle remind us that you are the light of the world and that if we follow you, we will never walk in darkness, but will have the true light of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Story Time (Luke 2:1-20)

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD, OUR FAMILIES AND OURSELVES

Loving God, through whom all things are created and live; all boys and girls, flocks and herds, all birds of the air and fish of the sea. You walked this earth as a child and our Creator. You brought life and light, love and laughter into our lives. May this eternal truth be always on our hearts that you who created us, placed stars into the skies and designed a butterfly's wing are also the God who trusted his life to the care of ordinary people like my family and me. Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the joy of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. We pray for all who have been hurt or feel alone, surround them in your love. For those who comfort others, be in both the words they use and all that's left unspoken; fill each heart with love. May the Christmas morning that is to come, make us happy to be your children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, we ask this through Jesus Christ, the baby born in Bethlehem.

Amen.

Please be seated

Musical offering for the presentation of the Gifts

You are invited to make an offering to help serve God's people here at Trinity, in Aurora and around the world. Please leave your gift in the plate at the back door before the service begins or place it in the little white church at the front door after the service. Our gifts are presented at the altar as a sign of thanksgiving to God for our many blessings. Tax receipts are issued in February for gifts totaling \$20 or more. Envelopes are available on the welcome desk in the narthex (hallway).

A HOLY MEAL WITH JESUS

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: 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.

All: **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.

Celebrant: 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."

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."

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