

# THE SENT: GOD'S CHURCH DEPLOYED

An Anglican online presence  
in the Deanery of Essex,  
with parish partnerships in  
the Diocese of Huron,  
members of the Anglican  
Church of Canada.

A Service of Morning Prayer  
for

The Nativity of Our Lord  
December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## Introductory Responses

One Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,  
All May all the earth be filled with his glory.  
One Light has sprung up for the righteous,  
All And joyful gladness for those who are true-hearted.  
One Glory to God in the highest,  
All And peace to his people on earth.

## Welcome & Invitatory

Opening Hymn Joy to the World CP 154

One The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:  
All O come, let us worship.

Venite (Psalm 95,1-7)

All Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

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## The Psalms

Psalm 96  
One Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
All as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

### The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading	Isaiah 9:2-7	
Second Reading	Titus 2:11-14	
Gradual Hymn	The First Nowell	CP 139 v.1,2,4,6
Gospel Reading	Luke 2:1-20	

### Christmas Message

read by The Rev'd Ryan Boivin

Responsory Hymn	Shepherds in the Field Abiding	CP 135
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### Affirmation of Faith

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Intercessions and Thanksgivings

#### Collect of the Day

One Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored our human nature. May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ, who humbled himself to share our humanity, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

### The Offertory

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One God of peace, your Son Jesus Christ has reconciled us to you. May all we offer you today renew us as members of your household. We ask this in his name.

All Amen

### The Lord's Prayer

One Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

### Announcements & Blessing

Closing Hymn	The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy	CP 128
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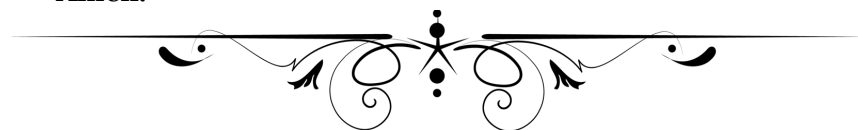
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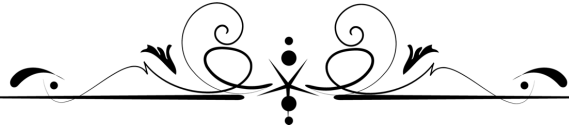
One Go forth to sing and bless God's name. Glory to God in the highest! For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised. Alleluia!

All Thanks be to God.

One May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.





### **Announcements**

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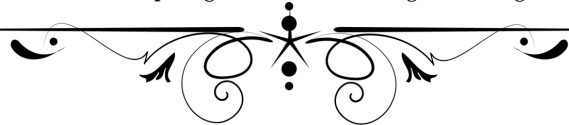
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The Psalms Psalm 96

One Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the whole earth. Sing to the Lord and bless his name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples. For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods.

**All All the ends of the earth have sent the salvation of our God.**

One As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but it is the Lord who made the heavens. Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! Oh, the power and the splendour of his sanctuary! Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the Lord honour and power. Ascribe to the Lord the honour due his name; bring offerings and come into his courts. R

**All All the ends of the earth have sent the salvation of our God.**

One Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him. Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity." Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

**All All the ends of the earth have sent the salvation of our God.**

One Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, when he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.

**All All the ends of the earth have sent the salvation of our God.**

One Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

**All as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson 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 onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The word of the Lord. **All Thanks be to God.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson TITUS 2:11-14

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. **All Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson LUKE 2:1-20

One The Lord be with you. **All And also with you.**

One The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke

**All 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.

One The Gospel of Christ.

**All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Hymns

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### Opening Hymn CP 154

#### Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world! The Lord is come:  
let earth receive the King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

2 Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns:  
let us glad songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills,  
and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 No more let wrongs and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as our sin is found,  
far as our sin is found,  
far as, far as our sin is found.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

### Gradual Hymn CP 139

#### The First Nowell

1 The first nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in  
fields as they lay,  
in fields where they lay keeping their  
sheep, on a cold winter's night that  
was so deep.

Refrain:

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.

2 They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east beyond them far,  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and  
night. [Refrain]

4 This star drew nigh to the  
northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its  
rest, and there it did both stop and  
stay right over the place where Jesus  
lay. [Refrain]

6 Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
who has made heaven and earth of  
nought, and with his blood salvation  
bought. [Refrain]

### Responsory Hymn CP 135

#### Shepherds in the Field Abiding

1. Shepherds in the field abiding,  
tell us, when the seraph bright  
greeted you with wondrous tiding  
what you saw and heard that night.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2. We beheld it (it is no fable),  
God incarnate, King of bliss,  
swathed and cradled in a stable,  
and the angel strain was this:  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

3. Choristers on high were singing,  
Jesus and his Virgin birth  
heavenly bells the while a-ringing,  
"Peace, good will to all on earth."  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

4. Thanks, good shepherd, true your  
story, let us go to Bethlehem.  
Angels hymn the King of glory,  
carol we with you and them.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

### Offertory Hymn CP 153

#### Good Christians All, Rejoice

1 Good Christians all, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice!

Listen now to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today;  
ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today;  
Christ is born today!

2 Good Christians all, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice!  
Hear the news of endless bliss:  
Jesus Christ was born for this;  
he has opened heaven's door  
and we are blessed for evermore!  
Christ was born for this;  
Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christians all, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice!

Now you need not fear the grave;  
Jesus Christ was born to save:  
come at his most gracious call  
to find salvation, one and all!  
Christ was born to save;  
Christ was born to save!

### Closing Hymn CP 128

#### The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

1 The virgin Mary had a baby boy,  
the virgin Mary had a baby boy,  
the virgin Mary had a baby boy,  
and they say that his name was Jesus.

[Refrain:]

He come from the glory,  
he come from the glorious kingdom.  
He come from the glory,  
he come from the glorious kingdom.  
Oh, yes! believer!

Oh, yes! believer!  
He come from the glory,  
he come from the glorious kingdom.

2 The angels sang when the baby  
born,  
the angels sang when the baby born,  
the angels sang when the baby born,  
and they say that his name was Jesus.  
[Refrain]

3 The wise men saw where the baby  
born,  
the wise men saw where the baby  
born,  
the wise men went where the baby  
born,  
and they say that his name was Jesus.  
[Refrain]