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Christmas Eve, Sunday, Dec. 24, 2017

Service colour: White

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP

5:00 p.m.

Prelude (A time for prayer and reflection)

Placing of the Bible by the Beadle (All who are able are invited to stand)

The Greeting:

M: The Lord be with you **C: And also with you**

Carol: 159 (vs 1,4 & 5) (after which all will be seated)

Psalm 100 followed by prayer (in unison):

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. The Lord made us; we belong to God. We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise. Give thanks to the Lord, bless God's name. For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, God's faithfulness to all generations.

God, our Creator, you loved us so much that you sent the Child of Bethlehem to give us new life. Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, you became human to reveal yourself to us and to know all our experiences. Holy Spirit, our Guide, you live within us so that Christ might be born in us each day.

O God, always compassionate, always faithful, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another in attitude, word, and action. In your mercy forgive us and help us to do what is just, to love kindness and to walk humbly with you in our journey; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

M. The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

C. And also with you.

Passing of the Peace – Say to others: "Peace of Christ" or "Peace"

Prayer for Understanding

Lessons: Isaiah 9: 2a, 6-7; Hebrews 1: 1-3

Carol: 147 (vs. 1 & 3)

The Gospel – readings from Luke and Matthew with pantomime

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

Lighting of the Christ Candle – see insert

Carol: 149 (all seated)

Sermon – Ascription of Glory

Prayers for the Church, Canada, the World and the Hurting

The Offertory Carol: 153 (vs. 1, 2, & 4) (all seated)

Living Faith (in unison) **(all standing)**

God became human. In silence we ponder, in awe we confess this amazing truth. To know the Son is to know the Father. God's nature is expressed in Jesus. His life is the light of the world.

Offertory Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving: (beginning with):

M. Lift up your hearts

C. We lift them to the Lord.

M. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer...saying in unison:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer (831 in hymn book)

Carols: 154; 165 (vs. 1 & 4)

Prayer of Gratitude and of Remembrance of the Faithful in the past

Carol: 139 (vs. 1 & 3) (unannounced)

The Commissioning, Benediction, Choral Amen & Silent Prayer

Postlude

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Greeting Elder: Susan Burris

Usher: John Stone

Organist: Dr. Kenneth Cameron

Readers: Luke Campbell, Alex Dodge

Lighting of Christ Candle: Livia Barkhouse, Luke Rogers

Communion: Come forward to receive the gifts; dip bread in a Chalice. (Metal ones have wine; glass ones have grape juice) Server at chancel stairs has gluten free crackers and grape juice. Some may wish to receive only the bread. After taking the gifts, you may wish to say "Amen" or "Thanks be to God!".

Sunday, Dec. 31 8 & 10:30 a.m. Focus on Christmas & Epiphany