

## GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

**Solo** "Christmas Lullaby" sung by Sarah Green

**Handbell Music** Away in a Manger, Joy to the World

*At the beginning of the liturgy, the church will be darkened and the congregation will light candles.*

**Opening Hymn**  CP 154

**Apostolic Greeting**  
*Presider* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.  
*People* **And also with you.**

**Collect for Purity**  
*Presider* 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.

**Gloria in excelsis** CP 365  
*All* Glory to God on high, and peace to all on earth.  
We worship you, we give you thanks, our heavenly King.  
We give you praise, almighty God and Father blessed in glory bright.

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,  
the sacrificial Lamb, who saves the world from sin,  
have mercy, Lord. Beside the Father's hand enthroned, now hear our prayer.


You only are the Lord. You only are most high.  
You only are the holy one, Lord Jesus Christ.  
And now you reign with Father and with Spirit one in glorious light.

Collect of the Day

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**First Reading**  Isaiah 62:6-12  
*Reader* The word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** 97  
*The Choir sings the verses. The congregation joins in the refrain.*


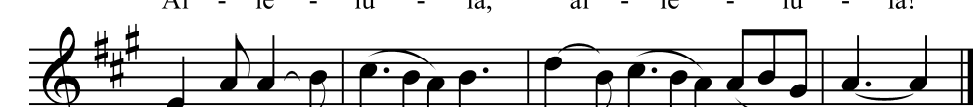
  
All the ends of the earth have seen the sal-va-tion of our God.

**Second Reading** Titus 3:4-7  
*Reader* The word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn**  CP 138

*Please extinguish your candles as the lights are turned on.*

**Alleluia** CP 715

  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Gospel** Luke 2:1-20  
*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**


*Presider* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*The Gospel is proclaimed in the midst of the congregation.*

*Presider* The Gospel of Christ.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily** 

**Anthem** "Celebrate This Wondrous Birth", John Goss (music), Bryan Jeffery Leech (text)

**Nicene Creed**   
*Presider* Let us confess our faith, as we say,  
*All* **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**

**Confession and Absolution**  
*Presider* *The Presider invites the People to Confession. Silence is kept.*


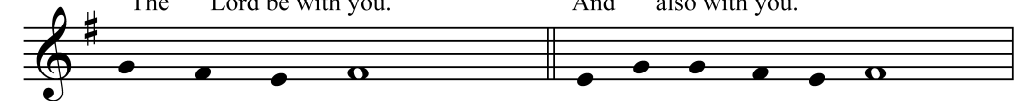

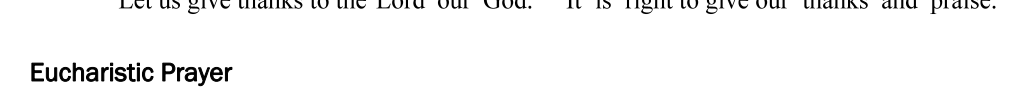
*All* Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The Presider pronounces forgiveness of sin, to which the People answer, Amen.*

**Peace**  
*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**


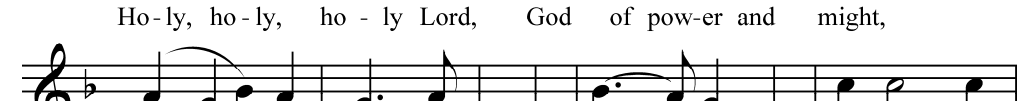
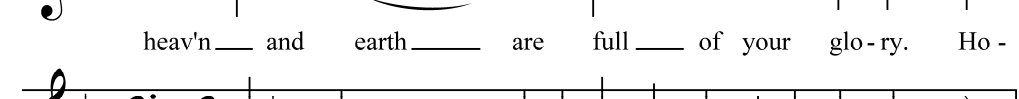
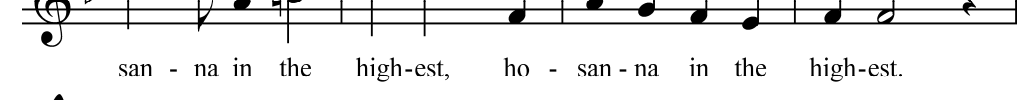

## CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**Offertory Hymn**  CP 118

**Prayer over the Gifts**  
*Presider:*   
*People:*   
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.

**Eucharistic Prayer**

*Presider* Almighty God, good Father to us all...  
...We join with them in heaven's song:

*All* CP 732  
  
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
  
san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.  
  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
  
san-na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high-est.

*Presider* Father of all, we give you thanks...

*All* This is his story.  
**This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

*Presider* Send your Spirit on us now...  
...where all creation worships you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:  
*All* **Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**



## Lord's Prayer

*Presider* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

*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.**

## Breaking of the Bread

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

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

*Presider* The gifts of God for the People of God.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Fraction Anthem

CP 74



For the bread which you have bro-ken, for the wine which you have poured,  
By these pledg - es that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,  
in your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; help us to o - bey your word;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
by your call to realms a - bove us, con - se - crate our lives, O Lord:  
in the world to which you send us, let your king - dom come, O Lord!

## Communion



Music: CP 119, CP 126, CP 136, O Holy Night (Sarah Green)

## COMMISSIONING AND DISMISSAL

### Prayer after Communion



### Doxology

*Presider* Glory to God,

*All* **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### Blessing

*Presider* May Almighty God, whose Son was sent to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.

*All* **Amen.**

*Presider* May God, who sent angels to proclaim the glad news of the Saviour's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

*All* **Amen.**

*Presider* May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you God's peace and favour.

*All* **Amen.**

*Presider* And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you this holy night and remain with you forever.

*All* **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

CP 139



## The Royal Anthem

God save our gracious Queen.

Long live our noble Queen.

God save the Queen.

Send her victorious,

happy and glorious,

long to reign over us.

God save the Queen!

She ia ta nonh stat

She rih wak wen ien stak

Ro non ti:io

la ko ia tah ni:ron

la kots hen non nia:ton

Ne ia ko non ti:io

She ia ta nonh stat

## Dismissal

*Presider* Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.



Thanks be to God, thanks be to God, thanks be to God, al-le - lu - ia!



Thanks be to God, thanks be to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

## SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS

All Saints' Church—8:30 a.m.

Christ Church, HM Chapel Royal of the Mohawk—10:30 a.m.

## Third Sundays Combined Parish Service

April to September—Christ Church—10:30 a.m.

October to March—All Saints'—8:30 a.m.

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## Mission Statement

Our mission, for the glory of God in Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit, is to:

- Celebrate all that God has done for us through worship and witness with others.
- Respond to our call to be disciples of Christ by sharing our faith, rooted in the Word of God, with others and encouraging others to become followers of Christ through word and action.
- Practice good stewardship of our human, financial and environmental resources, working to ensure that all of God's Creation is viable for future generations.
- Grow ourselves and others by reaching out to our communities, following Jesus' example of generous caring, giving, and welcoming.



# THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF TYENDINAGA

*To be a Spirit-filled and life-giving place where strangers become friends and friends become disciples.*

# CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

**Sunday 24 December 2011**

**Eve of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ**

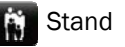


## AN INVITATION AND EXPLANATION

*You are welcome to join in this celebration of the birth of our Saviour. Come and take rest from the troubles of the world and let your heart and spirit be refreshed in the act of offering praise and thanksgiving to God our Creator and Sustainer. Renew your strength to go back into the world by sharing with fellow Christians in the hearing of the Story and partaking of the fellowship of Jesus in the bread and wine of Communion.*

*Please read the following explanatory notes as they should be helpful for you in understanding what the congregation is doing at any point during the celebration.*

*We usually stand to sing and pray and we sit to receive God's word. In the order of service, the icons to the right indicate the customary posture. You may adopt whatever posture you find comfortable. Silence is observed after the homily (preaching) and Communion.*



*There are some things in which you are invited to more actively participate, but you may refrain from doing any or all of them. During the Peace, it is customary for the members of the congregation to greet one another in peace and to exchange a kiss, hug, or handshake depending on the level of familiarity.*

*Immediately after the Peace, during the singing of the offertory hymn, offering plates are passed among the congregation for the collection of the money offering. All gifts to God, large and small, are gratefully received as they are used to serve and support God's mission and ministry through the Church in the Parish of Tyendinaga and beyond through the worldwide Anglican Communion. Offering envelopes with a space for name and address are available and receipts will be issued for any amount over ten dollars.*

*All are welcome to approach the table of the Lord to be blessed; the baptised may receive Communion. Out of concern for each other's health, there is a bottle of hand sanitiser in the aisle for use just before receiving Communion. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please be assured that receiving the bread alone is considered making a full Communion. **Please do not dip your bread into the wine.***

*If at any time you feel lost or confused, please turn to any parishioner to ask for assistance. Do not feel that you have to do everything "right"—what is "right" is what makes worship meaningful for you, wherever you are in the journey of your life.*

*Everything you need during the celebration is found in this bulletin with the exception of the hymns. Hymns are printed in the blue hymn book Common Praise and are marked CP ### in the right hand margin. The lyrics for other songs are printed in this bulletin.*

*And now, let your heart be still, and prepare to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. The celebration begins on the next page.*