



**The First Sunday After Christmas  
Sunday, December 26, 2021**

**Sung Mass at 9:30 am**



Saint Thomas's McNeely Triptych.

*Born in Toronto in 1935, Tom McNeely studied with two prominent Canadian artists before setting off on his own highly successful career. His distinctively-styled portraits of some of the world's most famous personalities have been featured in numerous museums, and his paintings for Canada's Expo '67 and the 1976 Olympics brought him worldwide fame.*

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**Reader:** Ronwen Guest

**Cantor:** Mark Wood Salomon

**Organist:** Elizabeth Anderson

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### PROVISOS FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE

1. *Given recent research, cloth masks on their own, unless worn with two disposable masks, provide insufficient protection. At all times, therefore, everyone in the church must wear an N95, KN95, or an acceptable equivalent mask. If you do not have one of these qualifying masks, the minimum acceptable coverage is two disposable medical face masks properly fitted. If you do not have an acceptable mask, two disposable masks will be issued to you at the door.*

2. *Congregational singing is still allowed, but we strongly recommend that you do so softly, if at all. Tuneful humming, such as when we are enjoying a piece of music on the radio, is fine; we want you to enjoy the music and to participate in it, but with this new variant that is several times more contagious than others, we can't encourage anything more than gentle singing behind your mask(s).*

### MUSIC OF THE MASS – Community Mass, Richard Proulx

*Please stand at the sound of the bell.*

### GREETING

*Celebrant:* 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

*Celebrant:* Almighty God,

*People:* **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 DEO

*Celebrant:* Glory to God in the highest,

**and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: Have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

A reading from the first book of Samuel:

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy girded with a linen ephod. And his mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "The Lord give you children by this woman for the loan which she lent to the Lord"; so then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with men.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM 148



God sent re-demp-tion un-to his peo-ple.

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights. Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host. Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars. Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. **R/.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord; for he commanded, and they were created. He made them stand fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away. Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps; fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will. **R/.**

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars; wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and wingèd birds. Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world; young men and maidens, old and young together. **R/.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name only is exalted, his splendour is over earth and heaven. He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah! **R/.**

**SECOND READING: Colossians 3:12-17**

A reading from the epistle to the Colossians:

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The word of the Lord  
**R/ Thanks be to God**

*Please stand.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Alleluia.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2.41-52**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom; and when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the company they went a day's journey, and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances; and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; and all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when they saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been looking for you anxiously." And he said to them, "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying which he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favour with God and man.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

*After the Sermon, please remain seated for a period of silent reflection. Please stand when the Celebrant stands.*

### THE NICENE CREED

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our faith, as we say,

*People:* **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: *(Bow.)* by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. *(Rise.)***

**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.**

*Please remain standing.*

### INTERCESSIONS

*Celebrant:* As the new light of the Christ shines in all the world let us in peace call to our God requesting that he shine also in those for whom our prayers are asked, Giving all creation renewed strength and purpose.

**Lord, renew all in wisdom and joy.**

*Intercessor:* For the universal Church, in the Anglican Prayer Cycle, the Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America, in the Diocese, Black Anglicans of Canada and the International Decade for People of African Descent. For Linda our Primate, Anne our Provincial, and Andrew our Diocesan Bishop. For all who worship and minister in this place that: clothed in compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience we demonstrate the gifts of God to all who we meet.

**Lord, renew all in wisdom and joy.**

*Intercessor:* In thanksgiving let us recall the gifts of joy and love that have been offered us; at this time of yearly renewal and throughout our lives. Silently or aloud, let us focus our hearts in gratitude \_\_\_\_\_ for all things come from God, and it is good to offer them back again.

**Lord, renew all in wisdom and joy.**

*Intercessor:* For the sick, \_\_\_\_\_, those who come in tears will leave with songs of joy.

**Lord, renew all in wisdom and joy.**

*Intercessor:* For those others for whom our thoughtful care is asked, \_\_\_\_\_, that they remember the prescription of Paul, and clothing themselves in love bind themselves in perfect harmony with all in their lives finding renewed strength and happiness.

Lord, **renew all in wisdom and joy.**

*Intercessor:* For the dead, those who have died recently, \_\_\_\_\_, and for those whose years mind occurs today, \_\_\_\_\_, that born again into the new city, the land of milk and honey, they rejoice and join in the songs of praise and adoration for the newborn King.

Lord, **renew all in wisdom and joy.**

*Celebrant:* God of all, guide us with your light. Help us recognize Christ as he comes to us in actions, in people, in the beauty of creation. May we welcome him with love, for he is Lord now and for ever. **Amen.**

### INVITATION, CONFESSION, ABSOLUTION

*Celebrant:* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*The people may bow or kneel. Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant:* Most merciful God,

*People:* **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.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*All standing, the Celebrant bids the Peace.*

### THE PEACE

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

*Please stand for the hymn during the Offertory.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN 90 – The heavenly Child in stature grows**

- 1 The heavenly Child in stature grows,  
And, growing, learns to die;  
And still his early training shows  
His coming agony.
- 2 The Son of God his glory hides  
With parents mean and poor;  
And he, who made the heavens, abides  
In dwelling-place obscure.
- 3 Those mighty hands that rule the sky  
No earthly toil refuse;  
The Maker of the stars on high  
A humble trade pursues.
- 4 He, whom the choirs of angels praise,  
Bearing each dread decree,  
His earthly parents now obeys  
In deep humility.
- 5 For this thy lowliness revealed,  
Jesu, we thee adore;  
And praise to God the Father yield  
And Spirit evermore.

*TALLIS*  
*Thos. Tallis, 1567*

*Tr. from the Latin of Canon J.B. de Santeuil (1689) by Rev. J. Chandler*

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

God of light, in the birth of your Son we see your glory. May we who share in this mystery grow daily in your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*V / The Lord be with you.*

*R / And also with you.*

*V / Lift up your hearts.*

*R / We lift them to the Lord.*

*V / Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

*R / 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.

*The Cantor sings:*

### SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

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.

*Please remain standing.*

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."

*Celebrant:* Therefore, Father, according to his command:

*People:* **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 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 for ever. **Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*People:* **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.**



## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

## HOLY COMMUNION

*Celebrant:* The gifts of God for the people of God.

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

*The Cantor sings:*

## AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace.

*All baptized Christians are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion as directed by the Sidespeople.*

## MOTET

Personent Hodie, *Gustav Holst*

Let children's voices resound today, merrily praising him who has been born, sent by almighty God and brought forth from a virgin's womb. He was born into the world, wrapped in swaddling clothes, and placed in the manger in a cattle shed, the Lord of the heavens, the Prince who destroyed the spoils of hell. Three wise men appeared; they offered gifts and asked for a boy-child, following a star; they worshipped him, offering him gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Let all the clerics, and likewise the boys, sing like the angels: "You have come to the world; therefore I pour out praises to you: Glory to God in the highest!"

## AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION WHICH MAY BE SAID BY THOSE NOT RECEIVING

**My Jesus, I believe that thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself unto thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from thee. Let me live and die in thy love. Amen.**

## ANIMA CHRISTI

**Soul of Christ, sanctify me.  
Body of Christ, save me.  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.  
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.  
O good Jesu, hear me.  
Within thy wounds hide me.  
Suffer me not to be separated from thee.  
From the malicious enemy defend me.  
In the hour of my death call me.  
And bid me come to thee,  
That with thy saints I may praise thee,  
For ever and ever. Amen.**

*Please stand.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## CONCLUDING HYMN 741 – Good Christian men, rejoice

- 1 Good Christian men, rejoice,  
With heart and soul and voice,  
Give ye heed to what we say:  
News! News!  
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 Christian men, rejoice,  
With heart and soul and voice,  
Now ye hear of endless bliss:  
Joy! Joy!  
Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath oped the heavenly door,  
And man is blessèd evermore.  
Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born for this!
- 3 Good Christian men, rejoice,  
With heart and soul and voice,  
Now ye need not fear the grave:  
Peace! Peace!  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all,  
To gain his everlasting hall;  
Christ was born to save,  
Christ was born to save.

*IN DULCI JUBILO*  
*German Melody, 14<sup>th</sup> cent.*

*Rev. John M. Neale, 1853*