

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST

*Unto us a child is born;
O come let us worship!*

CHRISTMAS EVE

*6:00 p.m. – Family Eucharist of the Nativity
With the Blessing of the Christmas Crèche*

Processional Hymn:	75 verses 1-5 (Adestes Fideles)
The Gloria:	<i>page 86</i>
The Collect and Epistle:	<i>page 107</i>
Gradual Hymn:	734 (Cradle Song)
The Holy Gospel:	<i>page 107</i>
Gospel Acclamation (refrain only):	747 (Iris)
The Creed:	<i>page 71</i>
The Blessing of the Christmas Crèche	
Offertory Hymn:	76 (Winchester Old)
The Consecration:	<i>page 82</i>
Hymn during Communion:	739 (Silent Night)
Recessional Hymn:	361 (Antioch: AT No. 27)

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Unto all peoples of the earth
A little Child brought light,
And never in the darkest place
Can it be utter night.

No flickering torch, no wavering fire,
But Light--the Life of men.
Whatever clouds may veil the sky,
Never is night again.

Lilian Cox

*The Flowers this Christmastide are given to the
Glory of God and in loving memory of:*

	<i>by</i>
Charles & Laura Murray	The Family
Donald D. Murray	The Family
Lucy Haines	The Family
Donald Parke-Taylor	Wife Joyce & Family
Kenneth & Margaret Pike	Peter & Noella Pike
Jim Thornton	Wife Linda & Family
Edgar Sprague	Linda Thornton & Family
Allen & Kay Ward	Raymond & Donna Ward
Les Boulter	Bettie-Anne & Family
Balfour & Mavis Bailey	The Family
Byron Lawrence	Wife Doreen Lawrence
Colby Darren Stewart	Grandmother Doreen Lawrence & Family
Morgan Elizabeth Staples	Grandmother Doreen Lawrence & Family
Jack H. McGee	The Family
Wendy McGee	The Family
Wayne McKay	Wife Karen & Family
Charles & Jessie McElman	Jim & Sharon, Sara & Leanne, Jennie & Neil
Harry & Ruby White	Jim & Sharon, Sara & Leanne, Jennie & Neil
Read Doak	Wife Flora Hunter
Roland C. Rickard	The Family
Gladys & William Bolster	The Family
Anne Williams	The Family
Charles Brown	Madelene & Family

*Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Parish Notices and Updates

Please plan to join us on Sunday, January 8th at 10:30 a.m. for our fourth annual *Festival of Lessons and Carols* for Christmas and Epiphany as a conclusion to the Season of Christmas and an entry into the Season of Epiphany. Our monthly Shared Meal will follow the Service. We hope that you can be with us as we bring our celebration of the Season to a delightful close.



SERVICES THIS COMING WEEK

DECEMBER 25: CHRISTMAS DAY

9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

DECEMBER 26: ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR

9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

DECEMBER 27: ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

DECEMBER 28: THE HOLY INNOCENTS

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer
7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

DECEMBER 31: THE SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer
5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

JANUARY 1: THE OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

The Anglican Church of Canada
The Diocese of Fredericton

THE PARISH OF ST. MARY (YORK)



A Child in a foul stable,
Where the beasts feed and foam;
Only where He was homeless
Are you and I at home;”

G.K. Chesterton, *The House of Christmas*

Priest and Rector

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The Christ Candle
CHRISTMAS EVE

Officiant: Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
let earth receive her King!

**All: Let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing!**

Reader One: As we light this candle today, we thank God for the hope he gives us, for the peace he bestows, for the joy he pours into our hearts, and for the love that redeems us and shows us the way.

Reader Two: We thank God for his gift of Jesus. We thank him that through Christ his light has come into the world and made it possible for us to see, and in seeing, to rejoice. His truth, his love, his very self, transforms all who receive him.

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Officiant: As we stand, let us pray.

All: Loving God, Emmanuel, we thank you for being with us; for sending your Son to walk with us and to lead us. Grant that the hope, the peace, the joy, and the love of which we have heard and spoken of throughout Advent may be fully realized in us as we worship and serve you through Christ Jesus our Lord, both now and forevermore. Amen.

**We honour Messiah with Christ's candle's flame
our Christmas Eve candles glad tidings proclaim.
O Come all you faithful, rejoice in this night,
as God comes among us, the Christian's true light.**

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