

## St. Michael and All Angels Anglican Church

Before our service starts, we would like the congregation to choose 5 hymns from the Hymn Book. We will choose from the Christmas Section Number 117 to Numbers 162. Please find your favourite hymn and where you think it should be placed in the service.

Announcements

Opening Sentence: God sent redemption to his people

### A Service of the Word 2

***Our opening Carol : First Chosen Carol*** \_\_\_\_\_

*Officiant:* 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.

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Officiant:* Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with our neighbour.

**People:** 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.

*Officiant:* Merciful God, we your faithful people pray for pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

***Our Second Chosen Carol:*** \_\_\_\_\_

*Officiant* : The Lord is our light and our life. O come, let us worship.

*Venite (BAS p. 49) is said.*

### **Venite**

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!

### **The Proclamation of the Word**

***The First Reading: Isaiah 63: 7-9***

*Lynda Lewis*

*The word of the Lord.*

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

***The Psalm :148***

***The Second Reading : Hebrews 2: 10-18***

*Debbie Heaton*

*The word of the Lord*

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

***Our Third Chosen Carol:\_\_\_\_\_.***

***— Verses before the Gospel and \_\_ verses after the Gospel***

*Susan Memedovich*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew*

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

*Matthew 2. 13 to 23*

*The Gospel of Christ.*

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

**Homily: Ginny Schleihau**

## **Choir Anthem : to be decided**

### **Please stand**

Officiant: Let us confess our faith as we say,

**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 (Prayers of the People)      Angela Palumbo**

Let us join in prayer with God's faithful people throughout the world, saying "God of Love: hear our prayer."

We pray for the unity of your church, that our life may reflect the love you have shown us.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We ask your grace for Todd our bishop, Karen our priest, and for all who minister in word and in action, that we may bear faithful witness to your good news.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We seek your peace and justice in our world, our country, and our community, that the needy may never be forgotten.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We ask your blessing on our homes, our friends and family, and on those who live alone, that we may know your presence ever near us.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We name before you all whom you have given us to pray for [especially....], knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can ask or imagine.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to you all who have died [especially....], that our trust in you may

deepen as you keep them safe in your care.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We offer our thanks and praise for all you have done for us, rejoicing in the knowledge that you are with us always.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We look for your purposes to be accomplished, and ask you to fill us with the strength and vision to further your reign.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

*Officiant:* Please stand : We are the body of Christ; in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** And also with you. Please share the peace

***Offertory Carol: Our fourth chosen Carol*** \_\_\_\_\_,

**Officiant:**

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

**Please sit or kneel to pray**

**General Thanksgiving**

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for setting us tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us. We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

### **The Collect of the Day\**

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 forever, Amen

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Officiant:* Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**All:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

***Our Recessional Carol: the fifth Chosen Carol***\_\_\_\_\_

### **Organ Postlude**

*Officiant:* May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.