



St Paul's Anglican Church, Hampton

*Growing spiritually and building community
through discipleship, worship & service*

Dec 24 – Christmas Eve 10:00 pm

Layreader: Rod

Isaiah 52:7-10, Psalm 98

Reader: Lorraine

Hebrews 1:1-4)

Greeters: Kevin & Nicky

A/V: Kevin

Chancel: Shirley /Betty

Counters: Pat / Clarence

Welcome to St. Paul's Anglican Church, and Merry Christmas!

As joyful as this season can be it is, nevertheless, the darkest time of the year. The days are short, the nights are long and cold, and for these and other reasons it's easy at this and other times of the year to feel that there is more darkness in the world than light. But tonight, we celebrate the coming of the light, not just the change of the seasons with the slow and steady return of the sun, but the coming of God's light into the world with the birth of the Son of God, Jesus the Messiah.

Tonight we celebrate the coming of the one whom the Scriptures call "the one true light, which enlightens everyone". I hope and pray that through this celebration of the birth of Jesus -through the music and prayers, through the readings and reflections- that you will find the light of Jesus shining even more brightly in your life, and that you would be filled with hope and peace and joy and love.

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can not overcome it." - John 1:5

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Gathering Praise

***God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
The First Noel***

Choir Anthem

Cradled in a Manger

Processional Hymn

Joy to the World

The Advent Wreath

Reader – Hear the words of the prophet Isaiah.

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader – On this holy night we light again the candles of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, for the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

People - Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness - on them a light has shined.

Reader – We light the Christ Candle and declare that Jesus is the light of world.

People - Jesus is the light of world; a light no darkness can extinguish.

A Candle is Burning

The Grace

The Collect - Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Isaiah 52.7–10 - *The prophet has urged the people to rise out of their despondency. They are in exile, and yearn to return to Jerusalem. They believe that God has deserted them for their infidelity. Now God speaks: my people will know about me; “therefore in that day they shall know that it is I who speak: here am I”.*

Psalms 98 - *Worshippers are invited to sing “a new song” marking new evidence of God’s rule. God has remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob – to lead and protect their descendants. All peoples will see his saving acts. This psalm calls on all of creation to acknowledge and be joyful in God’s rule.*

Hebrews 1.1–4 - *Hebrews stresses the importance of salvation through Christ. He is not merely a messenger from God or a mediator between us and God. He is ‘the exact imprint of God’s very being’ and so he alone is able to reconcile us to God.*

John 1.1–14 - *John wrote his account of the life and teachings of Jesus so that we “may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah [the Christ], the Son of God, and that through believing we may have life in his name”. John begins with this summary of the faith.*

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Offertory Hymn

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Communion

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Communion Carols

Choir Anthem

Still, Still, Still

Prayer after Communion - Father of all, tonight you have united earth and heaven in sending your Son to take our human nature. May we who have tasted heavenly things share in the life of his eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Benediction

Silent Night by candle light

Mission of the Month: **Hampton Food Basket**

International: Our Companion Diocese of Ho - Bishop Matthias

Diocese: Our Bishop David and his wife Janet & Retired Bishops Harold, George, William and Claude.

Government: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Brian Gallant, Mayor Ken Chorley and the town council

Deanery: Deanery of Kingston & Kennebecasis

Parish: Rev. David & Family, Rev. Deacon Deborah Cochran & Family

Jan 1 – New Year’s Day 10:00 am HC - BAS

Layreader: ---

A/V: ---

Reader: Stephen

Sunday School: Sheri / Kate

Greeters: Stephen & Barb

Youth Sunday School: Betty

Chancel: Donna

Nursery: Tim

Counters: ---