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The Census at Bethlehem, Pieter Bruegel the Elder, 1566

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Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev'd Nicholas Hatt, *Incumbent*

Assisting: The Rt Rev'd Victoria Matthews

Music Director: Jack Hattey

Welcome! We are glad to have you worshiping with us on this holy morning.

The order of service is printed below. The words of the service are found in the green *Book of Alternative Services*. The words of the hymns are found in the blue *Book of Common Praise*.

Introit Hymn #118

Adeste Fideles

The Gathering of the Community

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Glory to God

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Collect

Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored our human nature. May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ, who humbled himself to share our humanity, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

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. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Great will be his authority, 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 onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn #148, verses 1 and 2

See Amid the Winter's Snow

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:1-14

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room. Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

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

Gradual Hymn #148, verse 5

See Amid the Winter's Snow

Sermon

The Rev'd Nicholas Hatt, *Incumbent*

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

Leader In times past, God spoke to us through the Prophets: today he speaks to us through his Son, the Word made flesh, born of the Virgin Mary. In our joy, let us turn to him offer up our prayers for one another for the world, saying: **“Lord, hear our prayer”**.

Leader For the Church throughout the world and this parish of Saint Martin: that by meditating on the mystery of Christ's birth he might reveal his presence to us and to those who still seek the Saviour, and become sources of peace and joy in our communities. Let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader For our political leaders: that they might see in the Holy Child of Bethlehem the source of their true strength, and like him, protect and defend the dignity of all of God's children. Let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader For the poor, lonely, rejected, and homeless: that Jesus, who was born into poverty and lowliness, might bring hope to those who still dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. Let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader For those who suffer in any way: that they might draw strength from Christ who is no stranger to our human weakness; and that all who have died might enjoy the vision of God's glory in that greater light with the Blessed Virgin Mary his mother, Saint Joseph her spouse, Saint Martin our patron, and all the faithful who have served him in every age. Let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader God of love, the darkness that covered the earth has given way to the bright dawn of your Son's light. Make us people of that light, so that we may bring your hope to the waiting world. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession, Absolution and the Peace pp. 191-192

Offertory Hymn #136 *Winchester Old*

Prayer over the Gifts

God of peace, your Son Jesus Christ has reconciled us to you. May all we offer you today renew us as members of your household. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer #3, pp. 198-200 and 211-212

Priest 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.**

Priest The gifts of God for the people of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

The Anglican Church of Canada welcomes all Christians who have been baptised in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to come forward to the altar to receive the Blessed Sacrament. If you wish to receive only a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest while at the altar. Please let a sidesperson know if you require assistance. The Sacrament can be brought to you in your pew.

Prayer after Communion

Father of all, the child born for us is the Saviour of the world. May he who made us your children welcome us into your kingdom, where he is alive and reigns with you now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Doxology and Blessing p. 214

Closing Hymn #138 *Mendelssohn*

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Christmas Services at Saint Martin's during the Twelve Days

Let us keep vigil with the Christchild at the Manger this Christmas.

Tuesday, December 24th (Christmas Eve)

7 p.m. Children's Pageant and Sung Eucharist

10 p.m. Sung Eucharist

Wednesday, December 25th (Christmas Day)

11 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Thursday, December 26th (St Stephen's Day)

10 a.m. Said Eucharist (in the Chapel)

with meditation by Bishop Victoria Matthews

Friday, December 27th (St John the Evangelist)

10 a.m. Said Eucharist (in the Chapel)

with meditation by Fr Hatt

Saturday, December 28th (Innocents' Day)

10 a.m. Said Eucharist (in the Chapel)

with meditation by Finn Keesmaat-Walsh

Sunday, December 29th (Christmas I)

8:30 a.m. Said Eucharist

11 a.m. Sung Eucharist with Carols

Sunday, January 5 (Feast of the Epiphany)

8:30 a.m. Said Eucharist

11 a.m. Sung Eucharist



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Weekly Worship Schedule

Sundays 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said)
 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral)

Tuesdays 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said)

Feast days and special services as announced.