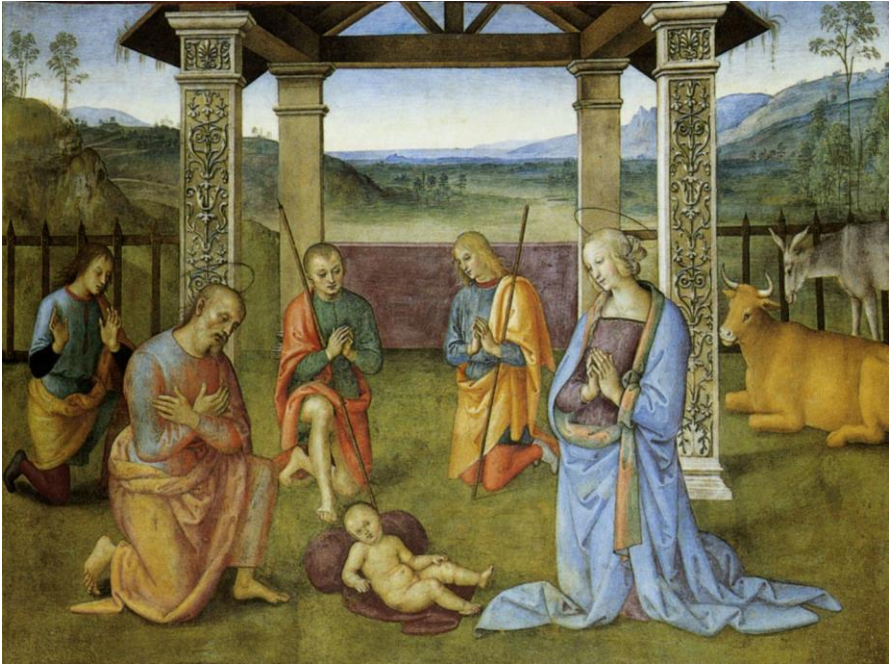


SAINT OLAVE'S SWANSEA



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A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS

Sunday December 19, 2021 – 7:30 p.m.

Territorial Acknowledgement

St. Olave's is situated on the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Anishinabek Nations, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. This territory is also covered by the Toronto Purchase. Today, Toronto is home to many Indigenous people and we recognize their enduring presence and connection to this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this land, and we commit to and pray for the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

Measures for Gathering Safely

Thank you for being with us today to share in worship.

It is important to us that we gather as safely as possible and that we follow all of the government and diocesan guidelines. This means that we must do the following whenever we meet together in the church:

- *Enter through the East Ostend door or Windermere door.*
- *Answer the screening questions the greeter will ask you as you enter*
- *Sign in at the contact tracing table*
- *Wear a mask at all times while inside the church building, being sure to cover both your mouth and your nose (disposable masks are available at the door)*
- *Use hand sanitizer as you enter*
- *Maintain a 2 metre (6 foot) distance between yourself and others (not including members of your own household or 'bubble')*
- *Exit through the parking lot door*

Please note that if you are experiencing any unexplained recent symptoms such as cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose, sneezing, or sore throat, if you have travelled outside the country in the last 14 days, or if you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, you will be asked not to enter the building. Contact your health care provider or telehealth (1-866-797-0000) for further instruction.

If you have been asked to stay home, you can still join us for online worship at <https://www.youtube.com/stolavesanglicanchurch>

Thank you for taking these measures with us so that we can safely reopen for in-person worship. Your attention to the wellbeing of others is an important way of loving your neighbours as yourself.

The Poinsettias in the Church are given to the Glory of God by:

Dale Allen	In loving memory of her parents Ruth & Claude Allen.
Judy Beal	In loving memory of her mother Irene Beal.
Bette Birmingham	In loving memory of her parents Ben & Alys Birmingham and her brother Leslie Birmingham. In thanks for a loving supportive family and wonderful friends.
Maggie Meredith Brown	In loving memory of her husband The Rev'd Dr Schuyler Brown.
John & Elizabeth Cannings	In loving memory of their parents Eric & Phyllis Campbell and Albert & Julia Cannings.
Jelana Duncan	In memory of Roger Harkness.
Susan Henry	Thank offering.
Darlene & Doug Hewitt	In loving memory of their parents Lita & Clifford Hewitt and Frances & Vincent Patterson
Lilly Krowiak	In loving memory of her mother Trudy.
Patricia Mills	In loving memory of her son Christopher Mills and her parents Stanley & Doris Slobom.

Poinsettias - Continued

- Deborah Mitchell In memory of
Mr. & Mrs. Elwood Downey,
Mr. & Mrs. Anson Shaw,
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Mitchell,
Dawn Marie Finnegan and
Haldean Downey.
- Ibi Olabode In loving memory of her father Isaac
and her cousin Anthony.
- Robert Ragsdale In loving memory of his wife
Bette Ragsdale.
- Joan Shaw In loving memory of her mother
Winifred Train.
- Agatha Sissons In loving memory of Rev'd Canon
Chambers Saden, Nyandung Nyangum,
Clark Franklin Sissons, Peter Karawang
Danu, Albert Girik Woodward, Thelica
Samuel, and Lancelot Linton.
- Sybil Wilkinson In loving memory of her brother
Victor.

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols for Christmas

St. Olave's Anglican Church, Swansea
Sunday, December 19, 2021 – 7:30 p.m.

Prelude

Please stand when the bell is rung and remain standing for the opening hymn.

Opening Hymn #112 Once In Royal David's City

(Verse 1 Sung by Choir; Verses 2-4 Sung by All)

Please remain standing.

The Bidding

Priest. BELOVED in Christ, be it this Christmas-tide our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Therefore let us hear again from Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of GOD from the first days of our sin unto the glorious redemption brought us by this Holy Child: and let us make this parish glad with our carols of praise.

But first, because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us pray to him for the needs of the whole world, and all his people; for peace upon the earth he came to save; for love and unity within the one Church he did build; for brotherhood and goodwill amongst all mankind, and especially within the dominions of our sovereign lady Queen Elizabeth, and this City of Toronto.

And particularly at this time let us remember before him the poor, the cold, the hungry, the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love Him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly let us remember before him them who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the Throne of Heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

Priest. OUR Father ...

All. ... 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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Priest. THE Almighty God bless us with His grace: Christ give us the joys of everlasting life: and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all.

All. Amen.

Please remain standing.

Hymn #421 O Little Town of Bethlehem (*Sung by All*)

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Genesis 3.8-15

read by Judy Sher

God announces in the Garden of Eden that the Seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

Please remain seated.

Carol: Adam lay Ybounden (*Sung by Choir*)

Anon. 15th Century

Arrangement by Dr. Hanné Becker

Adam lay ybounden,
Bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter
Thought he not too long.
And all was for an apple,
An apple that he took,
As clerkesfinden written in their book.

Ne had the apple taken been,
The apple taken been,
Ne had never our lady
Abeenheavené queen.
Blessed be the time
That apple taken was,
Therefore we mounsingen,
Deo gracias, deo gracias, deo gracias!

Please remain seated.

Second Lesson: Genesis 22.15-18 Read by Bill Wilson

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his Seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed.

Please stand.

Hymn #310 A Little Child The Saviour Came (*Sung by All*)

Please be seated.

Third Lesson: Isaiah 9.2,6-7 Read by Cathy Hutcheon

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

Please stand.

Hymn #414 See Amid The Winter's Snow (*Sung by All*)

Please be seated.

Fourth Lesson: Isaiah 9.1-9 Read by Andrewes Sissons

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

Please stand.

Hymn #400 Good Christian Men, Rejoice (*Sung by All*)

Please be seated.

Fifth Lesson: St. Luke 1.26-37 Read by Brittany Hudson

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Please stand.

Hymn #411 From Heaven On High (*Sung by All*)

Please be seated.

Sixth Lesson: St. Matthew 1.18-23 Read by Paul Scrivener

Saint Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus.

Please stand.

Hymn #401 Joy To The World *(Sung by All)*

Please be seated.

Seventh Lesson: St. Luke 1.8-16 Read by Sue Harris

The shepherds go to the manager.

Please stand.

Hymn #405 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night
(Sung by All)

Please be seated.

Eighth Lesson: St. Matthew 2.1-11 Read by Rev'd Dr. Jim Leatch

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

Please stand.

Hymn #410 The First Nowell *(Sung by All)*

Please remain standing.

Ninth Lesson: St. John 1.1-14 Read by The Rector

Saint John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

Please remain standing.

Hymn #415 O Come All Ye Faithful *(Sung by All)*

Concluding Prayers

Priest. The Lord be with you.

People. And with thy spirit.

Priest. Let us pray.

Please kneel.

The Collect for Christmas Eve

Priest. O GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come again to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever.

All. Amen.

The Blessing

Priest. MAY he who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you always.

All. Amen.

Please stand.

Closing Hymn #407 Hark The Herald Angels Sing (*Sung by All*)

Postlude

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve Family Service

Friday December 24

4:00 p.m.

(In-person only)

Christmas Eve Holy Communion

Friday December 24

7:30 p.m.

(In-person and online)

Christmas Day Holy Communion

Saturday December 25

10:30 a.m.

(In-person only)

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