

Emmanuel Church
Christmas Eve Service 2025

I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people;
for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord. *Luke 2.10–11*

Celebrant – Rev. Bert Chestnut
Licensed Lay Minister – Donnie Cameron
Eucharistic Minister – Roxanne Petrossie

Holy Eucharist (BAS)

Processional Hymn: O Come All Ye Faithful CP 118

Lighting of the Advent and Christmas Candles

Advent Hymn: Light the Advent Candle One (verse 5) SB 129

Children's Talk and Preparation of the Creche

The Greeting Page 185

The Collect for the day

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.

The Proclamation of the Word

1st Reading: Isaiah 9.2–7

Psalm: 96 Page 834

2nd Reading: Titus 2.11–14

Gradual Hymn: Hark the Herald CP 138

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2.1–20

Homily: Rev. Bert Chestnut

Choir Anthem: Night of the Father's Love - Pepper Choplin

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Prayers of the People Page 190

Confession and Absolution Page 191

The Peace Page 192

Offertory Hymn: The First Nowell

CP 139

Prayer over the gifts

Source of light and gladness, **accept all we offer on this joyful feast.**

May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours; for he is Lord now and for ever.

Eucharistic Prayer #3 Page 198

The Lord's Prayer Page 211

Breaking of the bread #6 Page 213

Gluten-free bread is available, please ask at the Altar

Communion Hymns: Away In a Manger CP 126

Shepherds in the Field CP 135

What Child is This? CP 137

Choir Solo: O Holy Night

Donnie Cameron

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.**

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Silent Night CP 119

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: Joy To The World CP 154

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Diocese cycle of prayer: St James' & St John the Baptist Brooklyn.

We pray for members of our Church and the ministries carried out in their lives.

Readings for Sunday Dec 28

1st Reading: Isaiah 63:7-9

Psalm 148

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:10-18

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

This week in our parish

Wednesday... 7:00pm Christmas Eve

Sunday 10:00am Carols and Devotions

Parish Christmas Party after the Service

Notices

Upcoming Christmas Services:

Carols and Devotions- Sunday Dec 28 at 10am. There will be no 8am Service on this day.

Parish Christmas Party- Sunday Dec 28 following the Carols and Devotions Service, in the Hall. All are welcome to join us for some fun and fellowship.

Handbell Choir: A new opportunity coming in the new year: a handbell choir! (These are the colourful children's handbells—not the brass ones.) This group will be open to ages 7 through adult, and practices will take place for about 20 minutes following the 10 am service. If your child—or you—are interested, please feel free to speak with Treena after church. There will be space for about 8–10 participants.

Foodbank: The Foodbank needs egg cartons

Wishing you a holy and happy Christmas.

Christmas Memorials
To the Glory of God, in loving memory of:

Wade Fiander
Joseph LeBlanc
Gordon Durnford
Bob and Shirley Richey
David Richey
James (Uncle Jim) Richey
Baby Watson
Joyce Little
Jeanette Cooper
Brenda Fraser
Elva Walters
Clara Purcell
Butch and Dot Smith
Ron Smith
Archie Forsyth
Jerry McNeil
Frank and Lillian Baker
Ronald Baker
Walter and Daisy Hineson
David Hineson
Robert (Bob) Patterson
Raymond Wilkie
Donald and Caroline Brushett
William Brushett
Mark and Beth Ann Kirby
Elizabeth (Betty) Bowdridge
Donna B. Hill
Douglas Parsons
Kimberly Parsons
Emily and Herbert Hill
Herb, George and Harvey Hill
Betty and Tom Davage
Charlotte Hartlen
Lottie and Conrad Denis
Hilaria and Barnabas Volk
Albert, Betty and John Barnes

Christmas Memorials given to the Cemetery Fund
To the Glory of God, in loving memory of:

John Backman
Kenneth and Dorothy Brundage
Sidney and Laura Kidston
René Quigley
Heather Whitehead
Art and Mable Whitehead
Lemuel Gould
Debbie Holmans-Isnor
Bill Holmans
Florence Holmans