

OUR VISION

We, at Holy Trinity, Guildwood are a
Caring, Open-Hearted Community who Dream, Pray and Work
with Jesus for a Loving, Equitable and Peaceful World

Fourth Sunday of Advent (4C) December 22, 2024 – 10:30 a.m. Church of the Holy Trinity, Guildwood

85 Livingston Rd Scarborough, ON M1E 1K7

416 261 9503 • www.trinityguildwood.org

The Rev. Canon Stephen Kirkegaard, Incumbent







Welcome to Holy Trinity, Guildwood

At Holy Trinity, Guildwood, we welcome all who come to worship with us. Though we are people of diverse background, lifestyle, and opinion, we are one in our desire to follow Jesus Christ. We seek to live as diversity in unity, offering a community in which we can all grow together as one Body: God's Church. We hope the order of service will help you find your way, but feel free to ask your neighbour for help. We are truly pleased that you have chosen to worship with us.



Holy Communion: All are welcome in this church and at this altar. All baptized persons, including children, are invited to receive the bread and wine at Christ's table. Those not receiving communion may wish to receive a blessing. Simply cross your hands over your chest to indicate you are not receiving communion. The

Anglican Church supports the ancient use of the common cup. Those receiving the chalice are asked to assist the chalice bearer by grasping the cup at the base and guiding the cup to their lips. For health purposes the practice of intinction, dipping the bread into the wine, is discouraged. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please feel free to receive the bread only. Simply cross your hands over your chest when the chalice bearer passes by to indicate you do not wish the wine. The ancient teaching is that the whole Christ is received whether one receives only the consecrated bread or both bread and wine. Please come forward (should you wish) to the altar rail, at the indication of the sides person (usher) to fill the altar rail from the outside in. Those with mobility concerns may also receive Holy Communion while remaining in place, please notify a sides person (usher).

Children are always welcome at Holy Trinity - On Sundays, children are invited to take part in the wonderful age-appropriate activities offered by Church School downstairs in the church hall during the Liturgy of the Word, after which they return upstairs to join in the Celebration of the Eucharist. Parents are always welcome to join their children for some or all of the time downstairs. For more information contact Melanie McLeod, Family Ministry Coordinator, at 416-261-9503 or melanie.mcleod777@outlook.com. Children are always welcome to join in the fun and adventure of growing in Christ.

As you are invited to stand or sit, please feel free to do as best fits your health, comfort, and circumstances.

Please silence your cell phones

Fourth Sunday of Advent (4C)

December 22, 2024 - 10:30 am **Celebration of The Holy Eucharist**

Prelude #91 – People, Look East! The Time Is Near

BESANCON

Text: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965). © David Higham Associates Ltd. Music: Meolody French trad.; harm. Martin Shaw (1875-1958), alt. Harm. © Oxford University Press.

The Gathering of the Community please stand

Gathering Hymn #98 – Hark the Glad Sound! The Saviour Comes

Bristol

Text: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), alt. Music: Melody Thomas Ravenscroft (1590? – 1634?), Whole Book of Psalmes, 1621.

Welcome

Land Acknowledgment

Lay Assistant Today we honour and acknowledge that this land and locality are on the historical traditional lands of the Indigenous Peoples of what we call

Turtle Island and what is commonly called North America.

We acknowledge the leadership of Indigenous Elders, who continue to teach us about what it means to live in a balanced and good way with all creation. May our time of worship together be blessed, as we give respect to the First Peoples of this land and seek to live in right relationship with ourselves, Creator, and one another.

We pray that the Spirit will lead us into all truth, into repentance for the wrongs of the past and into true reconciliation with our Indigenous brothers and sisters that we may be partners in healing and peace, to the glory and thanksgiving of God our Creator.

(National Indigenous Archbishop Chris Harper)

Greeting and Advent Wreath Candle Lighting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, Presider

and the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

be with you all.

And also with you. People

Love is a flame that burns in our heart, All Sing

Jesus has come and will never depart.

When God is a child there's joy in our song.

The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong

and none shall be afraid.

Voices United #7 by Brian Wren copyright © 1989 Hope Publishing Company. Music: John Collier Fogg 1987. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-716522

Abigail

Through the prophets, God promised a Messiah. In a dream, God promised Joseph that Mary "will have a son, and you will name him Jesus—because he will save his people." God's promises have been kept.

Comfort

The birth of a child is a sign that life will carry on. It was through the birth of a weak and vulnerable human baby that God has most closely identified with each of us. The mighty God has become Emmanuel, "God with us." This was astounding news, then, at that first Christmas. It is astounding news now. Christmas is about God, with us.

Abigail

In the birth of Jesus, God's promise of hope and healing is made in a new and wonderful way. We remember, though, that strength and determination are necessary in fulfilling any promise. Joseph and Mary showed great courage as they responded to God's call.

Comfort

The God who acted in the lives of our ancestors is the same God who acts in our world today. We can have the courage to answer God's call, as Mary and Joseph did, because God loves us and is with us.

Abigail

God promised to love and care for all that God had created. The rainbow is one sign of this promise; the birth of Jesus is another wonderful sign that God has not left us on our own.

Abigail lights the fourth blue candle.

Presider Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

People: A light no darkness can extinguish.

All May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

All Sing

Love is a flame that burns in our heart,
Jesus has come and will never depart.

When God is a child there's joy in our song.

The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong and none shall be afraid.

Voices United #7 by Brian Wren copyright © 1989 Hope Publishing Company. Music: John Collier Fogg 1987. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-716522

The Collect of the Day

Proclamation of the Word *please sit for the readings*

First Reading Micah 5:2-5a

A reading from the book of Micah.

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore, he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader 1 Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

People. Thanks be to God.

Canticle 18a (Luke 1:46-55) Song of Mary

MAGNIFICAT

Instrumental, 2. Choir, 3. Congregation



Music copyright @1979, 1988 G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

Second Reading Hebrews 10:5-10

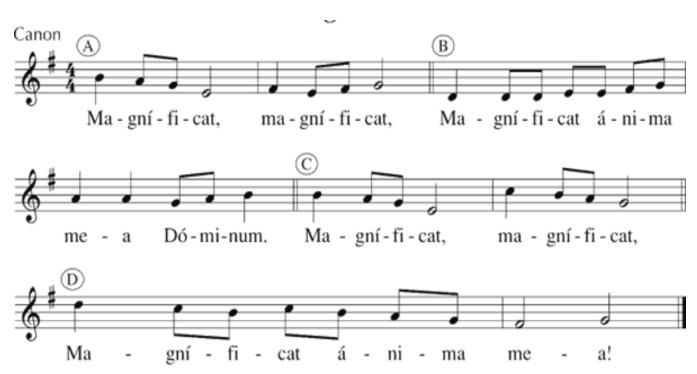
A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, See, God, I have come to do your will, O God (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation – Magnificat - to be sung 3 times before and after the Gospel



Gather Comprehensive Third Edition #630. Contributors: Jacques Berthier, Taizé Community. Tune: © 1979, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc. agent.

Text: © 1979, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc. agent Used by permission of G.I.A. Publications, Inc., exclusive agent.

Used with permission under One License.net #A-716522

Reader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

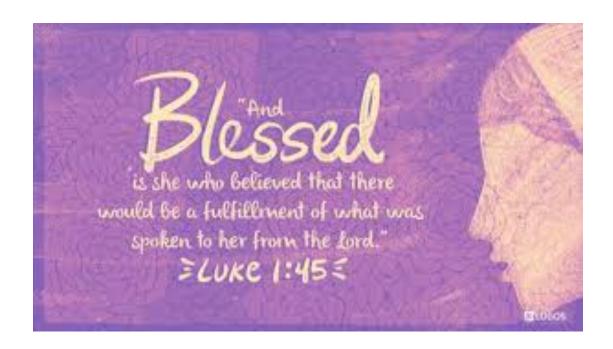
Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

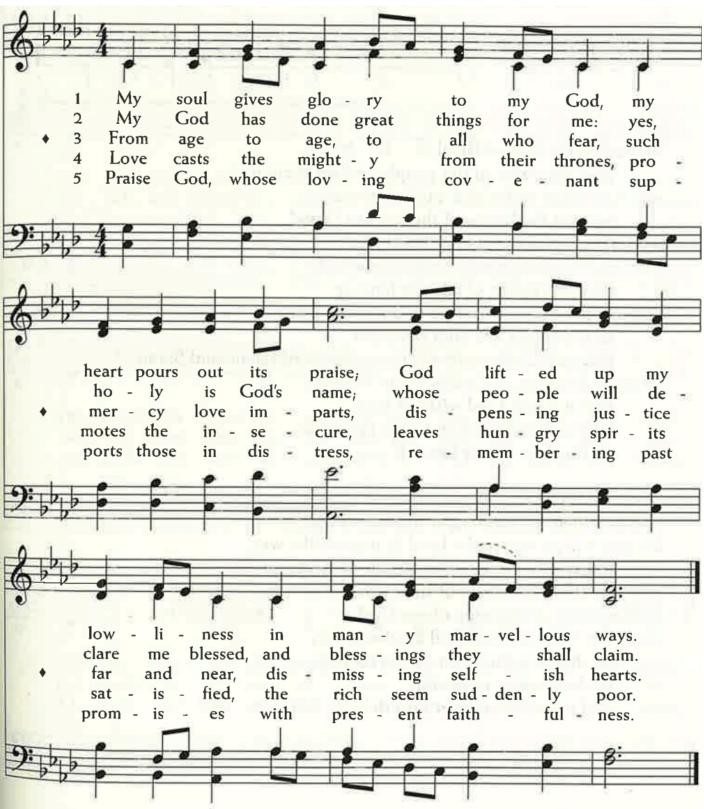
Reader The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Hymn .-. Song of Mary (My Soul Gives Glory to My God)

MORNING SONG



Voices United #899 Words: Miriam Therese Winter 1978, 1987 Music: melody from Kentucky Harmony 1816, harm. C. Winfred Douglas 1940. Words copyright © The Church Pension Fund.

'Just a Little Christmas' – Jesus Party (Church School) Christmas Skit

EIN' FESTE BURG

Hymn #318 - Rejoice Today with One Accord

Text: Henry William Baker (1821–1877). Music: Melody Martin Luther (1483-1546), alt.; harm. composite of settings by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1904.

Our Response to the Word

The Apostles' Creed

please stand

p. 189

Prayers of the People

Please feel free to sit or stand - however you are most comfortable to pray. Prayers are offered for the church, all in authority, the world, the local community, those in need, and the departed.

This is the season when God pledges love to us for ever in the coming of Jesus.

We are one with Mary in opening our hearts to this mystery, as we pray, "Lord Jesus, come soon."

Lord Jesus, come soon.

As Mary said "Yes" to the angel, let us too say "Yes." May Christ be born in us this Christmas.

Lord Jesus, come soon.

In the coming of Christ, God is doing something wonderful for humanity. May this season fill God's people with wonder. Lord Jesus, come soon.

We pray for the sick and those in need, for those who have asked for our prayers . . .

We give thanks for a wonderful Christmas FaithWorks concert, and for those whose gifts of time, talent, and finance support Holy Trinity's Food Cupboard and the FaithWorks ministries of our Diocese. We pray for people who need someone to come to their aid.

We think of people who are poor or hungry,

people who are sad or dispossessed.

Lord Jesus, come soon.

We pray for our world . . .

May Christ's coming inspire us to work for a world of justice and peace.

Lord Jesus, come soon.

We give thanks for our Church family ...
We give thanks for the generosity and commitment
of the Saints of Holy Trinity Guildwood,
and pray for God's blessing on our Grateful Giving Campaign.
May the Lord bring us a new awareness of the church he wants us to be.
Lord Jesus, come soon.

We pray that, in the coming days, each of us will put aside some quiet time to allow the meaning of Christmas to sink in. Give us warm and caring hearts to invite family and friends to celebrate the birth of Christ with us.

Lord Jesus, come soon.

We pray for our beloved who have died ... May they sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

Lord Jesus, come soon.

We rejoice that all who need a Saviour have that someone in Christ. Dear God, open the hearts of all your people to make room for him, who is Lord for ever and ever.

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

p. 191

Confession lets us set down the heavy things we carry with us, putting us in right relationship with one another and with God.

The Peace please stand

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord



Announcements

If you are new to our community, we're glad to have you here worshipping with us. Please subscribe to, like, and share our Holy Trinity, Guildwood YouTube Channel.

To receive Together@Trinity please send us your email address.

Highlights:

Thank you to Myron for organizing a **fabulous Christmas Concert and** to Taylor, Jenn, Tim, Evan, JP and HTG's own Choir, for such a wonderful evening of music– if you missed the Concert you can still share in the joy on our HTG YouTube channel.

Donations for FaithWorks are still being accepted, they will go to support the Indigenous, homeless, Women and Children at-Risk, and other marginalized groups.

Please return your 2025 Generous Giving Intention card. Remembrance Tree – over 500 Ribbons – Ribbon blessing Jan 12th Christmas Services:

> Christmas Eve @ 7 pm Family Service; Christmas Day @ 10.30 am Eucharist.

Food Cupboard – we would be grateful for any donations during the Christmas period. A list of items needed is available from the Church office.

Saving money and trees – please let the Parish Administrator know if you need a paper copy of T@T.

Holy Trinity, Guildwood's ministries are supported by the prayers, time, energy, and financial gifts of those who worship with us. Your donation makes a difference.

Thank you for your generous support.

If you feel inspired to financially support the impact we are making with our neighbours, and broader community, please donate via cash, cheque or leave your donation on the offering plate. For your convenience you can also donate via tap or on our website.

The Celebration of the Eucharist please stand

The Preparation of Gifts

While the hymn is sung, a collection is taken.

The bread and wine, the offerings of the people, are then brought forward and received.

Offertory Hymn #97 - Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

TANTUM ERGO (ST. THOMAS)

Text: Godfrey Thring (1823-1903), alt. Music: Melody John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. attrib. Francis Vincent Novello (1781-1861), alt.

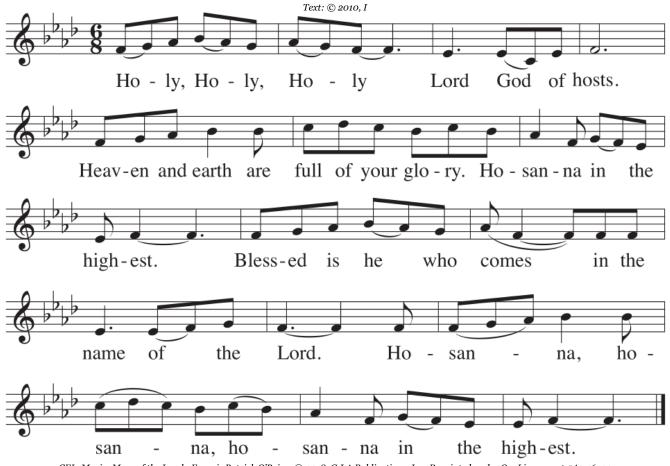
The Prayer over the Gifts please remain standing

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer #3

p.198

Preface Dialog Robert Graham

Mass of the Lamb - Holy, Holy, Holy



 $CEL.\ Music:\ Mass\ of\ the\ Lamb,\ Francis\ Patrick\ O'Brien,\ ©\ 2018,\ G.I.A\ Publications,\ Inc.\ Reprinted\ under\ One Licence.net\ \#A-716522$

The Lord's Prayer
The Breaking of the Bread #5

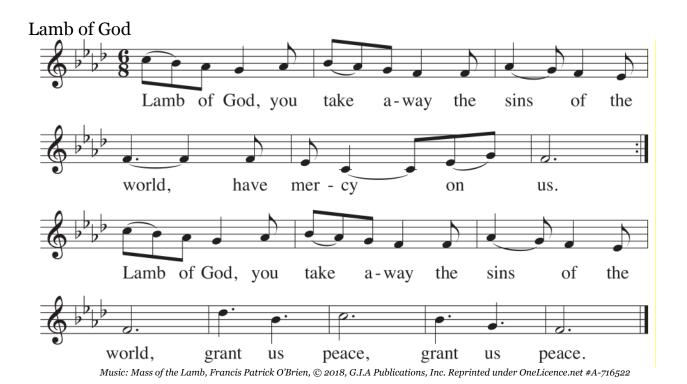
p.211 p.212

The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

People Thanks be to God.













Everyone is welcome

You may receive both bread and wine, or just to receive communion. the bread, if you wish. receive a blessing instead.

Cross your arms to

Communion can be brought to you if needed: just ask a sidesperson.

Communion Hymn #269 - Heavenly Message

Text: Paul Gibson (1932-) ©. Music: Melody Basque trad.; harm. Patrick Wedd (1948-) ©.

Communion Hymn #92 – O Day of God, Draw Nigh Text: R.B.Y. Scott (1899-1987). © 1988 Emmanuel College Toronto. Music: James Hopkirk (1908-1972). © Estate of James Hopkirk

BELLWOODS

PIED-DE-PORT

Anthem - The Birthday of a King

NEIDLINGER

"I will raise upa King who will reign wisely" Jeremiah 23:5

WORDS: William Harold Neidlinger. MUSIC: William Harold Neidlinger. Public Domain

The Sending Forth of the Community

Prayer after Communion please stand

Glory to God, Presider

whose power working in us, All

can do infinitely more

than we can ask or imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation,

in the Church and in Christ Jesus.

for ever and ever. Amen.

Faces of Grace: Aviyah, Abigail, Ashley

BESANCON

Sending Hymn #91 — People, Look East! The Time Is Near

Text: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965). © David Higham Associates Ltd. Music: Melody French trad.; harm. Martin Shaw (1875-1958), alt. Harm. © Oxford University Press.

Blessing

Dismissal

Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, Presider

serve the world God loves.

Thanks be to God All

Postlude – Go Now In Peace

Contributors: Nancy Price, Don Besig, Tune: Copyright © 1988 by Harold Flammer Music, a Division of Shawnee Press, Inc. Text: Copyright © 1988 by Harold Flammer Music, a Division of Shawnee Press, Inc. Reprinted under OneLicence.net #A-716522

Christmas Flowers

Each year at Christmas, the sanctuary of Holy Trinity Guildwood is decorated by the Altar Guild with Christmas flowers. If you would like to make a donation towards these flowers, in memory of loved ones or to honour a person or occasion, please use the envelope provided. You may also donate in your usual way, designating the donation be directed to "Christmas Flowers" indicating the name of the person who is being honoured.





- 1st CANDLE (purple) THE PROPHECY CANDLE or CANDLE
 OF HOPE We can have hope because God is faithful and
 will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from
 God. (Romans 15:12-13)
- 2nd CANDLE (purple) THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION – God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to "get ready". Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD! (Luke 3:4-6)
- 3rd CANDLE (pink) THE SHEPHERD CANDLE or THE

 CANDLE OF JOY The angels sang a message of JOY!

 (Luke 2:7-15)
- 4th CANDLE (purple) THE ANGEL CANDLE or THE CANDLE
 OF LOVE The angles announced the good news of a
 Savior. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because
 he loves us! (John 3:16-17)
- 5th CANDLE (white) "CHRIST CANDLE" The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth! (John 1:29)



Holy Trinity, Guildwood's

CHRISTMAS

SERVICES

The Best Christmas Gift Isn't Under the Christmas Tree



Christmas Eve | 7 P.M. | Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Day | 10:30 A.M. | Wednesday, December 25



Yellow Ribbon Campaign Runs from November 17th to December 31st





*

















Your ribbon will be attached to the beautiful blue tree at Holy Trinity, Guildwood.

Ribbons can be purchased from Michael Cooksey Email Office@trinityguildwood.org or Call 416-261-9503 to reserve a ribbon

An opportunity to HONOUR your loved ones, family, friends, or a local hero who can't be with you

Write a message or a name

Dear Guest/Visitor:

Thank you for worshiping with us today; you have enriched our community, and we hope the service held meaning and beauty for you. If you will be returning to a distant home, we wish you the Lord's grace and a safe journey. However, if you live anywhere near us, and you are not an involved member of a faith community and might be seeking one, we invite you to return here any Sunday so that we may continue to worship with and respond to you. Please visit us on the web at www.trinityguildwood.org and take one of our welcome brochures to learn more about opportunities for personal spiritual growth and service to others.

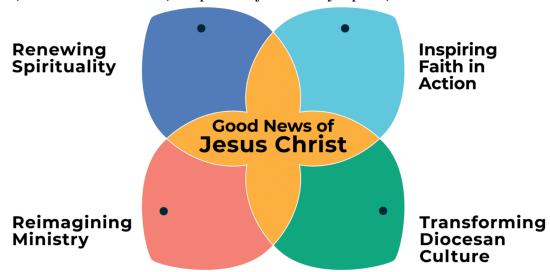
Holy Trinity, Guildwood's ministries are supported by the prayers, time, energy, and financial gifts of those who worship with us.

Donate online by going to

https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/118863018RR0001-church-of-the-holy-trinity/(CanadaHelps charges 4% for the service.)

Cast the Net Diocese of Toronto Vision

Go forth, followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world God loves!



- ➤ We are disciples of Jesus Christ, whose Good News is the joy and challenge at the heart of our common life.
- We are renewed daily in our spiritual lives and share our faith with others.
- We seek justice for all, walk alongside those in need, and respond with loving service and prophetic advocacy.
- > We support and encourage faithful and fruitful ministry by all who serve the life of the church.
- ➤ We live and work as the Body of Christ, each member connected to the whole, and each valued for their unique gifts.

The Propers (Collect, Prayer over the Gifts, and Prayer after Communion) for the Fourth Sunday of Advent (4C) are found on page 272.







The Church of the Province of Uganda; the Rt. Rev. Christopher Harper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, and the staff of Indigenous Ministries; the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples; Dawn Maracle, Indigenous Justice; the ACW (Anglican Church Women); Christ Church, Bolton, its support for Caledon Community Services, its community garden, prayer shawl ministry, Christmas stocking outreach to the King Nursing Home; Anne, our Acting Primate and Metropolitan Bishop; Andrew, our Diocesan and Area Bishop.

Our Parish family of Holy Trinity, Guildwood: Elizabeth Joseph, Rona Thomas, Evelyn Rose and Raylen Rona Thomas; Shirley Knautz; Wally & Ruth Kosciejew

Celebrating a birthday: Bob Harper; Pat Murray; Brandon Eng.

For our Welcome Coordinator: Flo Schwerdtner

For our Priest: Stephen.

The Sick, Shut-In, and Those who have asked for our Prayers: Allan Mawson, Alf Parke, Barbara Walker, Francis and the Callender Family, Don & Mary Beth, Ed Badley, Glenis Emmett, Nancy Lees, Barrie Morgan and family as they grieve, Roy & Wendy Woodhouse, Ruth Perry, Ted Tyson, Vivian Smith; Adele Kamiskie, Joshua Torres, Karin Cooksey, Richard Thomson.

For Those Who Have Died: Ross Sherwood Raymer, Sandy Kirkegaard and Freda Morgan

The flowers on the Altar this week, are given by
Beth Raymer
Stephen Kirkegaard
in memory of her
in loving memory of
Grandfather, Ross Sherwood Raymer
Sandy Kirkegaard





Assisting in Worship are:

Presider and Preacher: The Rev. Canon Stephen Kirkegaard Lay Assistant: Linda Epping

Readers: Lisa-Marie Daniel, Peter Price

Altar Guild: Shirley Knautz, Esther Tilley, Isobel Wilton,

Janet Tangness

Welcome: Lisa-Marie Daniel

Hospitality Petrina Harrichand Fubler

Readings for Christmas Eve December 24, 2024

> Isaiah 9:2-7; [Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14] Luke 2:1-20

How to contact us

Incumbent	The Reverend Canon Stephen Kirkegaard	647.822.9503 (mobile); stephenkirkegaard@icloud.com
Parish Administrator	Stephanie Hicks	416.261.9503 – church office@trinityguildwood.org
Family Ministry Coordinator	Melanie McLeod	Melanie.mcleod777@outlook.com
Rector's Warden	Belinda Chin	belindachin@yahoo.com
People's Warden	Shirley Knautz	416 269 6519 knautzshirley@gmail.com
Ministry Leaders Team Chair	Michael Cooksey	mjcooksey66@gmail.com
Property Manager	Flo Schwerdtner	416.284.6269 floschw@rogers.com
Video Director	Brian Provo	brianprovo@rogers.com
Music Director	Jennifer "JP" Pearce-Chambers	jenniferpearce@live.ca

Church Office Hours:

Monday December 23, 10 am – 2pm
Christmas Eve Tuesday December 24, 10 am – 2pm
Christmas Eve Service, Doors open at 6.30 pm
Christmas Day Service @ 10.30 am
The Church office will be Closed for the Christmas Break
from December 26, 2024– January 1, 2025 inclusive.
Open for Sunday Services December 29, @ 8 am and 10.30 am