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The Collect of the Day (Prayer of the Day)

Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

Again, the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also?"

Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Psalm: 80:1-7, 17-19

REFRAIN: Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim. In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us. Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **R**

O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people? You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink. **R**

You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn. Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **R**

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself. And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name. Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **R**

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gradual: *Wait for the Lord* (2x)

#94 HB

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18:-25

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Gradual: *Wait for the Lord* (2x)

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Sermon: Rev. Simon

(Time allowed for Silent Reflection.)

Prayers of the People: **(Healing Litany)**

Leader: *Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers...God our Creator, your will for all people is health and salvation.*

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled that they may be made whole;

We thank you, Lord of Life.

Grant to all who seek, your guidance; and to all who are lonely, anxious or depressed, knowledge of your will and awareness of your presence.

We thank you, Lord of Life.

Help us to mend our broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

We thank you, Lord of Life.

Bless all who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, compassion and patience;

We thank you, Lord of Life.

Grant to the dying peace, and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

We thank you, Lord of Life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken in our lives, in our nation and in the world.

We thank you, Lord of Life.

Leader: You are the Lord who does wonders.

Merciful God, we thank you that you know and love each person we have named. We believe that you know their needs and ours. Help us Lord to put our trust and confidence in Your power and love. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Apostles Creed

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Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Confession and Absolution Pg. 191

The Peace Pg. 192

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: ***Once in Royal David's City*** #123 HB

Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Eucharistic Prayer #3 Pg. 198

The Lord's Prayer Pg. 211

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

People: Our Father, 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 those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of Bread #5 Pg. 212

Lamb of God

THE COMMUNION

Communion Hymns: ***O Come Divine Messiah*** #95 HB
Lo How a Rose #117 HB

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Doxology

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, 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.

The Blessing

Reminders: *Birthday/Anniversaries/Announcements*

Recessional: ***Hark a Herald Voice is Sounding*** 108 HB

The Dismissal

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Assisting Father Simon today:

Celebrant/Preacher:	The Rev. Simon Bell
Bread	Fr. Simon, Beth Steffler
Chalice	Fr. Michael, Diane Lawrence
Anointers – 8:30	Rev. Michael
10:00	Michelle Sinclair, Neil Purcell
Prayer Team:	Maggie Prentice, Cheryl McPhee
First Reading	Joy Packham
Second Reading	Norm Savill
Prayers	Margaret Paradis
Gospel	Beth Steffler
Readings (8:30):	Neil Purcell, Michelle Sinclair
Server: 8:30	Michelle Sinclair, Neil Purcell
10:00	Beth Steffler, Sharon Zacchigna
Audio/Visual	David Paradis
Music:	Craig Snider
Chancel Ministry:	Eileen Cunningham, Joyce Antony
Sunday School:	
Sidespersons	Bill Goodyer, Al Lavender

This morning in our worship we remember in our prayers those of our family and friends who have immediate needs and concerns:

Tucker; Trevor & Jordan; Margie Mills; Marilyn F.; Nancy B.: Michael Cassin; Lorraine H; Joshua; Jane; Amy P. & Family; Margaret & Husband; Noah; Cathy & Robert; Robert Jessem; Brenda Jessem; Kathy & Brian; Karen Smithers; Bernard Lacey; Brian; Ken & Sheila; Barb Munshaw; Marg Abbott; Doug Shutter.

The names below are people in need of ongoing prayers for various reasons so we ask you to please continue to pray for them and their continuing need of God' s healing touch and grace:

Jay; Lorraine W; Carrie Snow; Adara; Jean Wallace; Nancy Dodds; Martin Bertelsen; Lee & Jeannie Martin; Bill & Cathy Gray; Wendy Goodyer; Michelle Sinclair & family; Donna Wilson; Garn Mennell; Gloria Connolly; Margaret & Gordon Kennedy; Keith Calendar; Paul & Rose McIntyre; Jim Tomkins; Do Saunders; Jefferson Jr.; Jack & June Osolin; Neil & Livia Purcell; Ian Sinclair; Stephen Bertelsen; Tanya Wade-Vargas.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement

In the Toronto Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

The Holland Deanery