

Prince Edward North Pastoral Charge
December 27, 2009

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Gathering Hymn VU 315 Holy, Holy, Holy

Welcome and Announcements

Call To Worship

This is the place,

The place where God is joyfully worshipped.

This is the time,

The time we know that God is with us in the coming year.

These are the friends,

The friends who celebrate with us and stay with us when the testing comes.

This is the faith,

The faith in Jesus Christ, which challenges us and shapes our future.

Christmas is Done A Commentary

Hymn VU 2 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Opening Prayer

This is the time for new beginnings.

This is the time for reflection.

This is the time for taking stock.

This is the time for setting faithful New Year goals.

This is the time for putting old grudges and resentments to rest.

This is the time for seeking new friends and fresh avenues of Christian service.

This is the time for renewing our faith in Jesus Christ.

**This is the time to rejoice in Christ's presence amongst us.
Amen.**

Caregivers In Action

Children's Time

Prayer of Confession

We celebrate our joys and achievements in the past year, O God.

We reflect on the hardship, the unexpected change, the setbacks – all the situations from which we may learn and grow.

We celebrate our friendships and family ties, O God.

We reflect on the times of uncaring, poor communication, and of relationships strained – all the situations from which we may learn and grow.

We celebrate the fulfillment we have found within the faith community.

We reflect on missed opportunities for worship and service, and on our blindness to the work of the wider church – all the situations from which we may learn and grow.

We celebrate the discipleship of Jesus Christ which is ours.

We reflect on our struggle to hear the call of Jesus, to follow Jesus carefully, and to take his Word to heart – all the situations from which we may learn and grow, in faith and action.

(Time for silent reflection)

Words of Assurance

A new year, a new set of resolutions, O God!

**Resolved to give thanks regularly,
resolved to reflect diligently,
resolved to make changes appropriately,
resolved to act faithfully.**

Pardon and peace are yours.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Joy To The World

Hymn VU 59 Joy To The World

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Choir
Scripture Colossians 3: 12 - 17

Where are the Kings?

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

Hymn We Three Kings

**We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain
Following yonder star**

**Refrain
O Star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy Perfect Light**

**Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to rein
(Refrain)**

**Frankincense to offer have I
Incense owns a Deity nigh
Pray'r and praising, all men raising
Worship Him, God most high
(Refrain)**

**Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes of life of gathering gloom**

**Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb
(Refrain)**

**Glorious now behold Him arise
King and God and Sacrifice
Alleluia, Alleluia
Earth to heav'n replies
(Refrian)**

Offerings of Our Life's Work "Take These Gifts"
**Take these gifts and let them be
Used as blessings sent from thee
Take our lives and use us all
For your glory and your call.**

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Go And Tell

Hymn VU 43 Go Tell It On The Mountain

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Amen