

Please volunteer to be the Greeter.
Communion Assistants are Byron Jang and Clinton Lang.
Sides People are Volunteers. Crucifer is Gwen Dixon.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL OF READINGS AND MUSIC

Our hymnbooks are the blue Common Praise (CP) and the bright green Songs for a Gospel People (SGP). Bibles and music for the mass are found in the pews.

The Gathering

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Bidding for Christmas:

My sisters and brothers in Christ, in this season when we celebrate the birth of Jesus, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the angels and go in heart and mind to Bethlehem to see the Son of God lying in a manger.

As we mark once more the mystery of the Word made flesh, let us join with the song of the angels and saints and make this place ring with our carols and hymns of praise.

But first, let us remember the poverty of the birth of the Prince of Peace, and pray for the poor, the cold, the hungry, and those among us who find that there is no room for them at the inn...

Let us remember the flight of the Holy family into Egypt, and pray for the oppressed, refugees, the isolated, and those on the edges of our society...

Let us remember that the Lord of Glory experienced the pain of life and death, and pray for the sick, the anxious, the weary, and the bereaved...

And remembering the promise that he shall reign for ever and ever, let us pray for the rulers of the nations, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church, that we may be a sign that God's rule on earth has already begun...

With joy in our hearts, let us hear again the story of the birth of Christ, and join with Mary and Joseph, with shepherds and wise men, and with all our forebears in faith in offering our worship.

The Proclamation of the Word

Isaiah 7.10-15: The prophet Isaiah proclaims hope to the people
Hymn: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Bible p. 636 OT CP #89

Prayer: God of hope, in times of trouble, give us signs of your healing presence and remind us of your eternal purpose of salvation. Amen.

Luke 1.26-38: The angel Gabriel visits Mary Bible pp. 56-57 NT
Hymn: "Heavenly Message" CP #269

Prayer: God of Grace, help us to hear your message and give us the courage to say "yes" to your will. Amen.

Luke 2.1-7: Jesus is born in Bethlehem Bible p. 58NT
Hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" CP #121

Prayer: God of love, make room in our hearts to welcome all in need, that they may see the light of Christ shining in their darkness. Amen.

Luke 2.8-15: The angels tell the good news to those who watch Bible p. 58 NT
Hymn: "While Shepherds Watched" CP #136

God who seeks, give us the courage to share the good news of Jesus so that everyone may know the great joy you have for us. Amen.

Hebrews 1.1-12: Jesus is Christ the King Bible p. 218 NT
Hymn: "What Child is This" CP #137

God our Sovereign, you invite us into your kingdom. Help us to work with you to create heaven on earth. Amen.

John 1.1-5, 14: God is now among us Bible pp. 91-92 NT
Hymn: "Joy to the World" CP #154

Prayer: God of Wisdom, we give you thanks that we have seen you in the selfless love of Jesus. Accept all that we offer you this day, and give us power to set our hearts and minds on your will, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer 2 BAS p. 196
Sanctus/Benedictus: Con
The Lord's Prayer: Haas
The Breaking of Bread #6 BAS p. 213
Agnus Dei: Con
Communion Hymn: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" CP #125
"All Poor Folk and Humble" CP #151

Prayer after Communion (*said by all*)
Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: "Good Christians All, Rejoice"

CP #153

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE HOUR follows today's service. Please join us. Helping us today are Joyce James, Pat Henderson, and volunteers.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR today are offered by the Altar Guild to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the ministry of past and present members.

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED until January 3rd. Regular office hours resumes January 6th. In a pastoral emergency, please contact one of the wardens through the Parish office at 604-299-6816.

CHRISTMAS LEFTOVERS LUNCH NEXT SUNDAY: Bring your Christmas leftovers for our now traditional Leftovers Lunch. Add to the festivities by wearing your favourite warm headgear. Prizes for the craziest and cutest!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In our companion Diocese of Taiwan: The Right Rev. David Lai, Rev. Philip Lin, Rev. David Chee and the people of St. James, Taichung (*twinned with St. James, Vancouver*).

In our Diocese: The Rev. Paul Woerhle, Chair of the Diocesan Evangelism Unit, and all those ministries that bring Christ to those outside the church. The Very Rev. Peter Elliot, Chair of the Cathedral Chapter.

We pray for our brothers and sisters of St. Margaret of Scotland, and St. John Port Moody as they enter negotiations for merger.

Our Church Leaders: Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, Primate of Canada Fred Hiltz, National Lutheran Bishop Susan Johnson, Lutheran Synod of BC Bishop Greg Mohr, our bishop-Elect Melissa Skelton.

In our Parish: Brent, the Dingwall family, Shirley R., Laura G., Blake C., Lyndon Grove, family of Andrew Leduc (Melina's cousin), Armstrong family, Bonita P. (Becky's mom), The Dixon family, David H., Celia, Lisa, Shannon B.

If you would like your name or that of your loved one on the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office with an update.

**There will be no Night Prayer service at the Church tonight
or on January 5.**

READINGS FOR JANUARY 5, 2014

10am Holy Eucharist: Isaiah 63.7-9
Hebrews 2.10-18

Psalm 148: CP #317
Matthew 2.13-23

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