

# ST. TIMOTHY ANGLICAN CHURCH

A Welcoming Christian Community in North Burnaby

**DECEMBER 20, 2015 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**Christmas Pageant**



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Our Greeter today is Pat Ray.

Communion Assistants are Gordon Arthur, Heather Robertson & Donnie Foerster.

Sides People are Laura Godwin & Bob Bolwell. Our Crucifer is Gwen Dixon.

## **ORDER OF SERVICE FOR 10 AM HOLY COMMUNION**

*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.*

*During Advent this year, our theme is “**The New Creation**”. As we light the candles on the wreath, we reflect on our role as stewards and partners with God in Christ Jesus.*

### **The Gathering of the Community**

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### **The Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

Advent song: “Long Before the Night” Verse 1-4

*(See pink leaflet in pews)*

Advent 4 Candle: **Earth**

Children’s Talk

Collect of the Day

*(said by all)*

**Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation, Jesus the Promised One. Amen.**

Processional Hymn: “O Come, Little Children”

CP # 127

Welcome

## **Christmas Pageant 2015**

**“What the Sheep Saw: A Holy Mystery According to the Gospel of Luke”**

### **Overture**

#### **Scene 1: “The Hillside, December 25, just after midnight”**

discovery of missing person – has the hired hand bogged off to the pub – the sheep are restless – a lamb thinks she hears something

Hymn: “Do You Hear What I Hear?”

#### ***Instrumental Introduction of Verse 1: St Timothy Youth Band***

*Then we all join in: Hymn:*

*“Do You Hear What I Hear?”*

**2. Said the night wind to the little lamb, do you see what I see?**

**Way up in the sky, little lamb, do you see what I see?**

**A star, a star, dancing in the night with a tail as big as a kite,  
with a tail as big as a kite.**

**3. Said the little lamb to the shepherd dog, do you hear what I hear?**

**Ringling through the sky, shepherd dog, do you hear what I hear?**

**A song, a song, high above the trees with a voice as big as the sea,  
with a voice as big as the sea.**

4. **Said the shepherd dog to the mighty king, do you know what I know?  
In your palace warm, mighty king, do you know what I know?  
A child, a child shivers in the cold. Let us bring him silver and gold,  
let us bring him silver and gold.**
5. **Said the king to the people everywhere, listen to what I say!  
Pray for peace, people everywhere, listen to what I say!  
The Child, the Child, sleeping in the night, He will bring us goodness and light,  
He will bring us goodness and light.**

**Scene 2: “The Angelic Clue”**

a winged squadron surprises the sheep – the heavenly message – a team is sent to investigate

*Hymn: “While By the Sheep”*

*CP # 134*

1. **While by the sheep we watched at night, glad tidings brought an angel bright;  
How great our joy (baa, baa, baa)  
Joy, joy, joy (baa, baa, baa)  
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high! Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!**
2. **There shall be born, so he did say, in Bethlehem a child today.  
How great our joy (baa, baa, baa)  
Joy, joy, joy (baa, baa, baa)  
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high! Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!**
3. **There shall the child lie in a stall, this child who shall redeem us all.  
How great our joy (baa, baa, baa)  
Joy, joy, joy (baa, baa, baa)  
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high! Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!**
4. **This gift of God we’ll cherish well, that every joy our hearts shall fill.  
How great our joy (baa, baa, baa)  
Joy, joy, joy (baa, baa, baa)  
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high! Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!**

**Scene 3: “Lost in the Dark”**

*Hymn: “The Lord’s My Shepherd”*

*CP # 519*

the sheep lose their way – harassed by wolves – the sheepdog finds a signpost

1. **The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want; He makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.**
2. **My soul he doth restore again and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness, even for his own name’s sake.**
3. **Yea, though I walk through death’s dark vale, yet will I fear no ill,  
for thou art with me and thy rod and staff me comfort still.**

- 4. My table thou has furnished in presence of my foes.  
My head thou dost with oil anoint and my cup overflows.**
- 5. Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me,  
And in God's house for evermore my dwelling place shall be.**

#### **Scene 4 "Rescuing the Hired Hand"**

the sheep find the pub in Bethlehem – and their hired hand – reconciliation and sobriety effected – a rousing chorus with root-beer

*Hymn: "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlesheep"*

- 1. God rest ye merry, Gentlesheep, let nothing you dismay,  
Remember Christ our Saviour was born on Christmas Day;  
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy!**
- 2. From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came;  
And unto certain shepherds/animals brought tiding of the same;  
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy!**
- 3. Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas doth bring redeeming grace.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy!**

#### **Scene 5: "The Stable"**

meeting the Christ Child – the prophecies fulfilled – it's up to the sheep to tell others

*Hymn: "Go Tell It On the Mountain"*

- 1. While shepherds kept their watching over silent flocks by night,  
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light:  
Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.**
- 2. The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! Above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Saviour's birth:  
Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.**
- 3. Down in a lowly manger our humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn:  
Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.**

4. When I am a seeker, I seek both night and day;  
 I seek the Lord to help me, and God shows me the way:  
 Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
 Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

Prayers of the People: (Heather Robertson)

**The Peace**

Presider: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

*You are invited to share a sign of God's peace with your neighbours.*

Offertory Hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

CP # 121

**The Celebration of the Eucharist**

Prayer over the Gifts

(said by all)

**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.**

Sursum Corda: Lift Up Your Hearts

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff is for the Presider and the Congregation, with the lyrics "The Lord be with you. And also with you." The second staff is for the Presider and the Congregation, with the lyrics "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Presider and the Congregation, with the lyrics "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is" and "right to give God thanks and praise." The fourth staff continues the melody for the Presider and the Congregation.

## Eucharistic Prayer 2

BAS p. 196

Presider: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God...  
...to proclaim the glory of your name.

## Sanctus/Benedictus:

Haugen, p.11

*Congregation:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!  
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Presider: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise...  
... with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer:

Haas

David Haas, 1986

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - low - ed be your  
name, your king - dom come, your will be done, on  
earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our  
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for - give  
those who sin a - gainst us.  
Save us from the time of trial and de - liv - er us from  
e - vil, for the king - dom, the pow'r and the glo - ry are yours,  
now and for ev - er.

## The Breaking of Bread #5:

Presider: God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All: **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

Presider: The gifts of God for people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**





Doxology: (said by all)

Presider: Glory to God,

**All: 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” CP # 89

Dismissal:

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR** today are offered to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for all ministers and the Alter Guild members who have so faithfully served in this parish.

**Coffee Hour** follows today’s service. Please join us downstairs in the hall. Those serving us today are Anne Marie Milner, Lorraine Davies & Pat Henderson.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**In the Anglican Communion:** Diocese of Yewa (form. Egbado), Lagos, Nigeria – The Rt. Revd. Michael Adebayo Oluwarhunbi

**In our Diocese:** St. John the Apostle, Port Moody – The Ven. Grant Rodgers, The Rev. Anne Anchor, The Rev. Trudi Shaw; St. John the Evangelist, North Vancouver – The Rev. Patrick Blaney; St. John the Divine, Maple Ridge – The Rev. Charles Balfour, The Rev. Margaret Cole; St. John the Divine, Squamish – The Rev. Nicholas Parker; St. John, Shaughnessy – The Rev. Liz Ruder-Celiz

**Our Church Leaders:** Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, Primate of Canada Fred Hiltz, National Lutheran Bishop Susan Johnson, Provincial Archbishop John Privett, Lutheran Synod of BC Bishop Greg Mohr, our Bishop Melissa Skelton

**In our Parish:** Wendy P., Bonita P. (Becky’s mom), Lisa, Shannon B., the Symonds family, Lenora, Judith, Laura G., Trudi S., Stella H., Celia B., Georgina K., Ann P., Marie H., Alex, Darryl, Charles & Becky, Brad J., Rupert S., Helen H., Bill L.

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

## UPCOMING READINGS

### Readings for Sunday Night Prayer

Psalm 116, 117          Titus 1:1-6

**10 am Holy Eucharist:** *For December 27, 2015 – 1st Sunday after Christmas*

*On December 27, there will be a “Lessons & Carols” service,  
with a special open collection for Syrian refugees.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 20	<b>Today</b>	10:00 am	Christmas Pageant – “What the Sheep Saw”
Dec. 24	<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 pm	Bethlehem Mass Family Service
		11:00 pm	Midnight Mass with Carols & Candles
Dec. 25	<b>Friday</b>	10:00 am	Christ Mass Contemplative Eucharist
Dec. 27	<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 am	Lessons & Carols For Christmas



We wish Ewe a Merry Christmas...

