

ST. TIMOTHY ANGLICAN CHURCH

A Welcoming Christian Community in North Burnaby

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1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



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CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE

Processional Hymn: “All Poor Folk and Humble”

CP #151

A 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 Child of God lying in a manger.

As we hear the reading of God’s holy word, let us find new hope in the promise that God is with us and raise our voices with the messenger who announces good news of great joy to all people. As we mark once more the mystery of the Word made flesh, let us join with the song of 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 ones, and with all our forebears in faith in offering our worship.

The Readings

Lesson # 1: **Isaiah 40:1-6** (*Comfort, O comfort my people says my God.*)

Prayer

God of freedom, give the strength of hope to those who suffer oppression in body, mind, or human dignity. Let them hear of your coming grace, and give them the wholeness you intend for all your children. Amen.

Carol #1: “Stay My Child, My Body Sharing”

CP# 124

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Lesson # 2: “**Advent Calendar**” by the Most Rev. Rowan Williams

Prayer

God of gentleness and peace, teach our hands to shun the tools of violence and our minds to conceive the paths of peace, that we may know with thanksgiving the joy of your generosity, made know to us in Jesus. Amen.

Carol #2: “’Twas in the Moon of Wintertime”

CP# 146

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Lesson # 3: **Matthew 1:18-21** (*The child conceived is from the Holy spirit.*)

Prayer

O God our Mother and Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem, may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord. Amen.

Carol #3: “A Mother’s Labour Bears Her Child”

CP# 623

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Lesson #4: **Luke 2:1-7** (*No room at the inn.*)

Prayer

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives, through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Carol #4: “Born in the Night”

CP# 130

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Lesson #5: Matthew 2:13-18 (*The massacre of children.*)

Prayer

God of hope, look upon those who live with despair as their companion. Give them signs of your healing presence and of your eternal purpose of salvation. Amen.

Carol #5: "In Bethlehem a New Born Boy"

CP# 580

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Lesson #6: John 1:10-14 (*The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.*)

Prayer

Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored our human nature. May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ, who humbled himself to share our humanity, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Carol #6: "Let There Be Light"

CP# 572

An offering will be taken during the singing of this hymn.

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Incarnation Litany

*In joy and humility, let us pray to the Creator of the universe, saying,
"Lord, grant us peace."*

By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the birth in time of your timeless Son, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the manifestation of your radiant glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us, O Lord,

Lord, grant us peace.

By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Saviour Jesus Christ; hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us 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 Thou Who Camest from Above"

CP # 624

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

(said by all)

God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sursum Corda: Lift Up Your Hearts

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features alternating parts for the Presider and the Congregation. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise."

Presider: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts. *Congregation:* We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Congregation:* It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer S1:

Presider: Holy God, Lover of Creation...

...we proclaim Your glory singing:

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: Gracious God, in the fullness of time...
 ...and to proclaim our faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Presider: Breathe Your Holy Spirit...
 ...and we bless Your holy name 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.

Blessing

May the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin and brighten our hearts with holiness; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always.

All: Amen.

Recessional Hymn: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

SGP # 128

Dismissal:

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

All: Thanks be to God.

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.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED from December 24 to January 03, 2016. Regular office hours resume January 04, 2016. In a pastoral emergency, please contact one of the Wardens through the Parish office at 604-299-6816.

TAX RECEIPTS WILL BE ISSUED IN JANUARY. If you would like your contribution for 2015 to be recorded this year, please make your offering by today! *Thank-you!*

MISSING COFFEE POT! A 36-cup percolator has sprouted legs and walked from the church kitchen. Anyone spotting this animal is to contact Donnie Foerster.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the Anglican Communion: Diocese of Zaki-Biam, Abuja, Nigeria – The Rt. Rev. Benjamin Vager

In our Diocese: St. Stephen the Martyr, Burnaby – The Rev. Gary Hamblin; St. Stephen, West Vancouver – The Rev. Roberta Fraser; The Diocesan Evangelism Unit and all those ministries that bring Christ to those outside the Church – The Cathedral Chapter – The Very Rev. Peter Elliott, Chair

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., 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 For this week only, there will be no night prayer tonight.

10 am Holy Eucharist: For January 03, 2016 – Epiphany Sunday

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday	Dec. 27	10:00 am	Lessons & Carols for Christmas - <i>with a special open collection for Syrian refugees.</i>
Sunday	Jan. 24	3:00 pm	Choral Evensong for the Feast of St. Timothy with the Christ Church Cathedral Choir
Sunday	Feb. 28	Following Service	Annual Vestry Meeting

