

# ST. TIMOTHY ANGLICAN CHURCH

Meeting on the Traditional Territories of the  
Musqueam, Squamish, & Tsleil Waututh Nations

## JANUARY 01, 2017 Christmas Lessons and Carols Service



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Readers for Lesson & Carols will be volunteers. Crucifer is Gwen Dixon.

## CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE

### The Gathering of the Community

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**Processional Hymn:** “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

CP # 118

### **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 Lessons and Carols

**Lesson # 1:** Micah 5:2-4 (*From you shall come forth, for me, one who is to rule in Israel.*)

Prayer

**God of small beginnings, you bring strength out of weakness and hope out of fear. By the power of your Spirit make us, your children, followers and partners in the grand design of your kingdom of love, rooted and revealed in Jesus. Amen.**

**Carol # 1:** “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

CP # 120

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**Lesson # 2:** Isaiah 65:17-25 (*For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth.*)

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:** “Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”

CP # 138

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**Lesson # 3:** Luke 2:8-15 (*Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened.*)

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:** “The First Nowell”

CP # 139

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**Lesson # 4:** Luke 2:16-20

(*All who heard it were amazed.*)

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:** “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night”

CP # 136

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**Lesson # 5: Luke 1:39-46**

*(My soul magnifies the Lord.)*

Prayer

**Almighty God, who looked with favour on your servant Mary, and called her to be the mother of your Son, nurture in us the humility and gentleness that found favour in your sight, that with her we may proclaim the greatness of your name and find the mercy you show to those who fear you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

**Carol # 5: “Silent Night”**

CP # 119

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**Lesson # 6: Hebrews 1:1-12**

*(In these last days, God has spoken to us by a Son.)*

Prayer

**O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery. By the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation. Let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

**Carol # 6: “In the Bleak Midwinter”**

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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.**

*~ Silence ~*

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.**

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: "Good King Wenceslas"

CP # 145

## **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**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **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

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might;  
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is the One who comes in your name.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!**

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:**

**BAS p. 211**

### **The Breaking of Bread #6:**

Presider: We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**All: God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

Presider: The gifts of God for people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Fraction Hymn: "Lamb of God"

Haugen, p. 14

- 1. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.**
- 2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of hatred and fear:  
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.**
- 3. Lamb of God, you are the way of justice and peace:  
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.**
- 4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mercy and love:  
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.**
- 5. Lamb of God, you are God's Word of promise made flesh:  
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.**
- 6. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant peace.**

*All seekers of Christ are welcome at this table.  
To receive a piece of bread and to drink from the common cup, please indicate by holding out both hands. To receive a wafer to dip in the wine, please indicate by holding out one hand. To receive a blessing, cross your arms.  
Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

Communion Hymn: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

CP # 89

**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. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: “Good Christians all, Rejoice”

CP # 153

Dismissal:

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**In Our Diocese:** Church of the Epiphany, Surrey – The Ven. Stephen Rowe

**Our Church Leaders:** Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, Primate of Canada Fred Hiltz, National Lutheran Bishop Susan Johnson, National Anglican Indigenous Bishop (N.A.I.B.) Mark MacDonald, 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., Symonds family, Lenora, Judith, Trudi S., Stella H., Alex, Darryl, Charles & Becky, Brad J., Anne A., Simon G., Angela I., Shirley R., Barr family, Lois G., Rosemary L., Bill L., Lin A., Maribeth M.

*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 148

Revelation 19:11-16

### 10 am Holy Eucharist: January 08, 2017 – 1st Sunday after Christmas

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY WE WELCOME THE REV. JEANNETTE STIGGER** as Guest Celebrant.

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

**HOSPITALITY TIME** – Coffee & tea service today is provided by “coffee angel” volunteers.

**INTERIM PRIEST** – Our interim priest will be the Rev. Ruth Monette, who is currently Director of Mission and Ministry Development at the Synod Office. Ruth’s first Sunday with us will be February 19.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE OPEN & RESUME REGULAR HOURS JAN. 02, 2017** – In a pastoral emergency, please contact one of the Wardens through the Parish office at 604-299-6816.

**TAX RECEIPTS** – Tax receipts will be issued by the end of January for Year 2016.

**VESTRY REPORTS DUE JAN. 26, 2017:** It’s that time of year again – time to put together your 2016 Vestry Reports! Please send in your 2016 reports into the church office no later than **Jan. 26, 2017**. The 2017 Vestry Meeting booklet must be prepared & printed by Feb. 05, 2017. You can either drop off your report or e-mail it into the office. If you have any questions, please contact Lizz in the church office at 604-299-6816.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday	Jan. 08	10:00 am	Epiphany Service – Rev. Neil Fernyhough
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