

ST. TIMOTHY ANGLICAN CHURCH

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

DECEMBER 18, 2016 ADVENT 4 – CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Discipleship - *Walking the Way*



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*During Advent this year, our theme is “**Stages of the Christian Life**”.*
As we light the candles on the wreath, we reflect on our life-long journey
to know and love Jesus Christ.
*Today, our fourth candle is for **Discipleship**: Walking the Way.*

Our Greeter today is Eva Hodge.
Communion Assistants are Donnie Foerster, Gordon Arthur & Pat Ray.
Sidespersons are Laura Godwin & Bob Bolwell. 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.

The Gathering of the Community

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The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Advent song: “The King Shall Come” Verses 1-4

(For music, see sheet in pews)

- 1. The King shall come when morning dawns
and light triumphant breaks,
When beauty gilds the eastern hills
and life to joy awakes.**
- 2. Not as of old a little child,
To bear and fight and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun
That lights the morning sky.**
- 3. Oh, brighter than the rising morn
When Christ, victorious, rose
And left the lonesome place of death
Despite the rage of foes.**
- 4. Oh, brighter than that glorious morn
Shall dawn upon our race
The day when Christ in splendor comes
And we shall see his face.**

Advent 4 Candle: *Discipleship*

Children's Talk

Collect of the Day

(said by all)

God of all hope and joy, open our hearts in welcome, so that your Son Jesus Christ at his coming may find in us a dwelling prepared for him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Processional Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

CP # 89

Greeting:

BAS p. 185

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Presider: My sisters and brothers in Christ, in these days of shadow and of hope let it be our duty and delight to listen to the story of our faith. The gospel of Matthew expresses not only the longing of the Jewish people for a Messiah but the promise of blessing that comes to all the nations. The magi traveled from far countries to witness to this new king. They followed the light of a star to an unexpected place. As the encounter with the Christ child transformed their hearts, may our hearts also be lifted and enlightened today.

So let us hear again the story of Jesus' coming in this Christmas pageant, joining the caravan of all our forebears in faith as we go to Bethlehem to see the One who is born King of All.

Christmas Pageant 2016: "By the Light of A Star"

The Christmas Story Based On the Gospel of Matthew

SCENE 1: ECBATANA

a new star is spotted, the magi meet to stargaze at the home of Artaban, plans are made to go on a journey to seek the new king

Song by Cast: "Twinkle, Twinkle"

SCENE 2: THE AGORA

The magi visit the marketplace, slightly used camels and supplies purchased, the caravan starts across the desert

Song by Cast: "Zum Gali Gali"

SCENE 3: THE DESERT

A sandstorm obscures the path, the stars show the way

Hymn: “We Three Kings”

See insert

SCENE 4: JERUSALEM

Herod is not helpful, the high priest checks the book of the prophet, the magi head to Bethlehem

Hymn: “The First Nowell”

See insert

SCENE 5: BETHLEHEM

The star shines on the right house, the magi adore Jesus

Hymn: “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

See insert

SCENE 6: HEADING HOME

The magi understand the Christmas message, another way home is found

Hymn: “I Am the Light of the World”

See insert

Prayers of the People

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: “On This Day Earth Shall Ring”

CP # 150

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

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 ELW III

Presider: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ...

... we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

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 One, the beginning and the end ...

... proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Presider: With this bread and cup ...

... with hope for his coming.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

Presider: Holy God, we long for your Spirit ...

... Bring the gift of peace on earth.

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

Presider: All praise and glory are yours ...

... one God now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:

BAS p. 211

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 the 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 give us hope as we wait for you:
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: “Creator of the Stars of Night”

CP # 96

Prayer after Communion:

(said by all)

Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Parish Prayer:

(said by all)

Lord, your Holy Spirit hovered over the waters at the Creation. Send your Spirit on us once more to recreate us in your image and to inspire us to live faithfully in the world. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: “Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending”

CP # 114

Dismissal:

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In Our Diocese: 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, 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., Lizz 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 8, 84

Revelation 12:1-10

10 am Holy Eucharist: *December 25, 2016 – Christmas Day*

Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalm 98

Hebrews 1:1-4

John 1:1-14

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday	<i>Today</i>	10:00 am	Christmas Pageant 2016 – “By the Light of a Star”
Saturday	Dec. 24	7:00 pm	Bethlehem Mass – Family Service
		11:00 pm	Midnight Mass
Sunday	Dec. 25	10:00 am	Christ Mass
Sunday	Jan. 01	10:00 am	1st Sunday after Christmas – Lessons and Carols – Rev. Jeannette Stigger
Sunday	Jan. 08	10:00 am	Epiphany Service – Rev. Neil Fernyhough

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the ministry of the Altar Guild members and all others who minister in our parish.

HOSPITALITY TIME – Coffee & tea service today is provided by Anne Marie Milner & Pat Henderson.

CANONICAL COMMITTEE UPDATE – The process of calling an interim priest is moving forward. The Canonical Committee has been interviewing candidates and we ask for your prayers for discernment.

