

ST. TIMOTHY ANGLICAN CHURCH

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



DECEMBER 17, 2017 ADVENT 3

Greeter is Laura Godwin. Sidespeople are Pat Ray & Vern Seel.
Communion Assistants are Donnie Foerster, Caroline Chady, & Gordon Arthur.
Crucifer is Gwen Dixon. Server is Shaw-Ern Seel.

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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Processional Hymn: **“Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus”** CP # 88

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: Almighty God,

All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Presider: Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. (Isaiah 12:6)

Presider: Dear God,

All: we light this candle to remember you give us joy when we are sad. Amen.

Presider: Let us live in God’s joy!

Advent Wreath Lighting Hymn: **“Joy Shall Come”** CP # 104

During this hymn, all young people are invited to follow the children’s cross downstairs for KidsChurch. They will return shortly before Communion.

Collect of the Day: Said by all

God of light, who sent the Baptist to offer hope and to face the world’s scorn: open our ears to hear the cries from the margins, exposing our fears, sharpening our vision and calling us to faith; through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: **Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11** (Anna Chady)

Bible p. 691 OT

Psalm 126:

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, * then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *” The Lord has done great things for them.”
- 4 The Lord has done great things for us, * and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, * like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears * will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Second Reading: **1 Thessalonians 5:16-27** (Shaw-Ern Seel)

Bible p. 205 NT

Gradual Hymn: **“On Jordan’s Bank, the Baptist’s Cry” Verse 1-3**

CP # 103

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John**.

All: Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Holy Gospel: **John 1:6-8, 19-28** (Vern Seel)

Bible p. 91 NT

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn: **“On Jordan’s Bank, the Baptist’s Cry” Verse 4-5**

CP # 103

Sermon:

The Rev. Ruth Monette

The Nicene Creed:

BAS p. 188

Presider: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day, he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the

Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People: (Caroline Chady)

Confession, Absolution and the Peace:

BAS p. 191

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

~ Silence is kept. ~

Presider: Most merciful God ...

All: We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

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: **"Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord"**

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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:

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: 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 ...

... join their unending hymn:

Sanctus/Benedictus

by Adam Jonathan Con



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of -- power and might -----.



Heaven and Earth are filled with your glory. Ho ----- san -- na in the



High ----- est! Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the



Lord ----- . Ho ----- san -- na ----- in the high ----- est-----.

Presider: Holy One, the beginning and the end ...

... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Presider: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

Presider: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

Presider: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God Incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

BAS p. 211

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth, as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

Agnus Dei

by Adam Jonathan Con



Lamb of God ----- who takest a ---- way the sins of the world,



have mercy on us --. Lamb of God ----- who takest away the sins of the world,



have mercy on us. Lamb of God ---- who takest a ---way the



sins of the world, grant ----- us your ----- peace -----.

All seekers of Christ are welcome at this table. We invite you to receive Communion at either of our two stations. If you want to receive a piece of bread (or wafer by request) and drink from the common cup, please use the centre station. If you want to receive a wafer to dip into the wine, please use the station at the rail. We can also bring Communion to your seat; please

ask a Sidesperson or Greeter. Gluten-free wafers are available by request at both stations. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please come forward and request one at the centre station.

Communion Music: **“Love Came Down at Christmas”** CP # 131

“Wait for the Lord, Whose Day is Near” CP # 94

Prayer after Communion: Said by all

Merciful God, may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and forever. Amen.

Parish Prayer: Said by all

Journey with us, Lord, as we follow the process of calling a new Priest, as the community of St Timothy. Enfold us in your peace, that we may patiently and prayerfully support the canonical committee and await with hope the fruits of their effort. Hold us in your love, as we celebrate our past, embrace our present, and prepare for our future together. Be the light for our eyes, that our feet may not stray from the path you would show us. Be the source of our strength, that we may uphold each other as we seek to serve others. We pray in the name of the one who first called us, Jesus Christ, our guide and friend. Amen.

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.

The Blessing

Presider: Our Lord says, “I am coming soon.”

All: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

Presider: May the Lord, when he comes, find us watching and waiting.

All: Amen.

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: **“When the King Shall Come Again”** CP # 109

Dismissal:

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In Our Diocese: The Deanery of Royal City / South Burnaby – The Rev. Gordon Barrett, Regional Dean. We pray for our Companion Diocese: Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines, Bishop Brent Alawas, the Clergy and Lay Leaders

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

In Our Parish: Brenda and the Symonds family, Lenora, Stella H, Angela I, Shirley R, Rosemary L, Lin A, Lourdes C, Laura G, Tamara W, Simon, Donna C, Father Ron B., John H and family, Wendy P who has died and the Campbell & Pratt families,

*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

10 am Holy Eucharist: December 24, 2017 – 4th Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Romans 16:25-17

Psalms 89:1-4, 19-26

Luke 1:26-38

Our worship materials are taken from the Anglican Church of Canada's *Book of Alternative Services* and *Trial Use Collects for Years A, B & C*, with additional material from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, and Church of England resources. Our Advent Wreath Lighting prayers are taken, with permission, from Advent Children's Prayers on www.pastorjd.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday	Today	10:00 am	3rd Sunday of Advent * Following worship, Youth & Adult Bible Study
Tuesday	Dec. 19	9:15 am	Holy Eucharist at Rideau Manor
Sunday	Dec. 24	10:00 am	4th Sunday of Advent – Christmas Eve Morning * Holy Eucharist with a participatory retelling of the Nativity Story for all ages
Sunday	Dec. 24	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Family Worship * A service that includes some favorite Christmas songs, scripture readings, & Holy Eucharist
Sunday	Dec. 24	11:00 pm	Christmas Eve Midnight Mass * A quietly joyful welcome of the Incarnation of Christ, with Carols & Holy Eucharist
Monday	Dec. 25	10:00 am	Christmas Day * A family-friendly celebration, perfect for early risers who've already opened all their presents by 8 am
Sunday	Dec. 31	10:00 am	New Years Eve Morning * Family-friendly Christmas Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist
Tuesday	Jan. 02	9:30 am	Holy Eucharist at Seton Villa
Saturday	Jan. 06	TBA	Family Games Night
Sunday	Jan. 07	11:30 am	Epiphany Potluck Luncheon following the service <i>(our traditional Christmas-leftover potluck!)</i>
Sunday	Jan. 14	11:30 am	Following worship, the CAT Group meets
Thursday	Jan. 18	7:30 pm	Parish Council meeting
Sunday	Jan. 21	10:00 am	Bishop Melissa visits

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY: Altar flowers for today are given to the Glory of God.

HOSPITALITY TIME – Following today’s worship, come and join us for refreshment and fellowship in the hall downstairs. Coffee and tea service will be provided by Pat Henderson & volunteer coffee angels.

BIBLE STUDY TODAY: Are you interested in engaging the Bible outside of worship? We are holding a monthly study group on the 3rd Sunday of the month, from 12 to 1:00 pm. Bring a bag lunch & your favorite Bible.

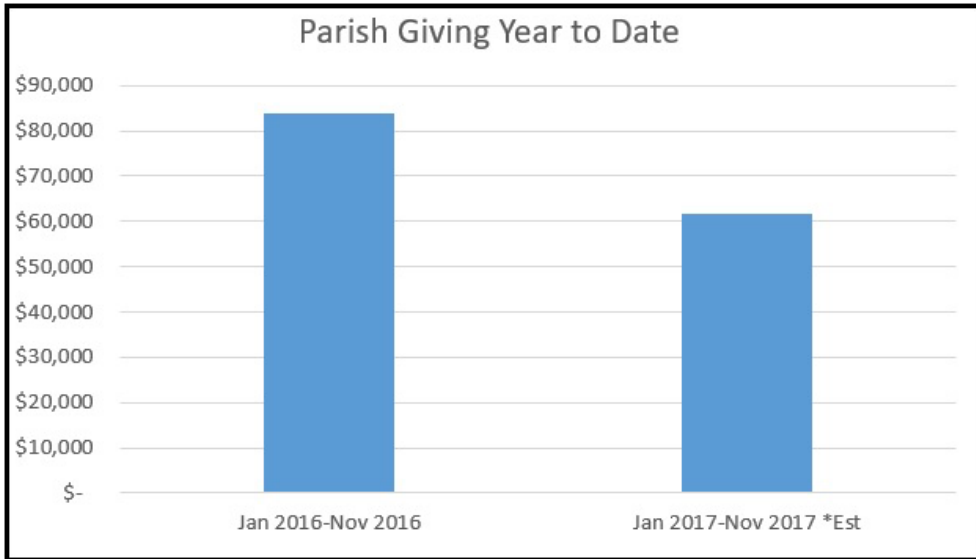
PARISH E-MAILS: **Do you want to receive regular updates from the Parish by e-mail?** Please make sure that your e-mail address is on our list. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the foyer.

KINDER MORGAN PIPELINE EXPANSION: Laurel Dykstyra of the Diocesan Salal & Cedar ministry is working with a coalition opposed to the Kinder Morgan pipeline expansion. She’s anticipating a week of action towards the end of this year which may include a specific time for religious people to be involved. If you would like to be kept informed of these opportunities, please let Pastor Ruth know.

INTERIM FAQs: CANONICAL COMMITTEE & PARISH PROFILE

St Timothy’s is in **Canonical Process!** This is the formal time of creating a Parish Profile, advertising, interviewing, discerning, and calling a new rector. The process is led by the Canonical Committee with assistance from Regional Archdeacon, Philippa Segrave-Pride. The Canonical Committee is your wardens (Gordon Arthur, Caroline Chady, Donnie Foerster), your Synod delegates (Becky Barnes & Heather Robertson), your Alternative Synod delegates (Maribeth Mainer & Pam Black), and your youth delegate (Anika Robertson). Please uphold these individuals in your prayers.

The Canonical Committee is working on the **Parish Profile**. The Parish Profile is the “ad” that potential clergy will read before deciding to apply to St. Timothy’s. They will have a draft for the parish to review soon.



Currently, our Parish giving is down substantially from last year.

Some of this is due to the extraordinary fundraising we did to finance the kitchen last year, and some is due to our Parish members passing on or moving away. If you want to give an offering and get a 2017 tax credit, we must receive it by *Sunday, December 31, 2017*. Please prayerfully consider your pledge, and, if appropriate, review it.

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