

ST. TIMOTHY

ANGLICAN CHURCH

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

DECEMBER 22, 2019

ADVENT 4



Greeter is Lourdes Cabral. Crucifer is Gwen Dixon.
Communion Assistants are Kate Turcotte, Lourdes Cabral & Byron Jang.

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

Processional Hymn: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” CP # 393

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship 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: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. (*1 John 4:7*)

Dear God,

All: **we light this candle to remember you love us and want us to love others even when we're lonely and even when others are hard to love. Amen.**

Presider: Let us live in God's love!

Kyrie: See Advent Music Sheet

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.**

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

Collect: Said by Priest

Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 7.10-16 (Miriam Jang)

Bible p. 636 OT

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80.1-7, 16-18:

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;

shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,

stir up your strength and come to help us.

Restore us, O God of hosts;

Let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

O Lord God of hosts,

how long will your anger fume when your people pray?

You have fed them with the bread of tears;

you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbours,

and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us, O God of hosts;

Let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

They burn it with fire like rubbish;

at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.

Let your hand be upon the one of your right hand,

the one you have made so strong for yourself.

And so will we never turn away from you;

give us life, that we may call upon your name.

Second Reading: Romans 1.1-7 (Larry Beach)

Bible p. 152 NT

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ. To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

See Advent Music Sheet

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

"A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel: 'God with us'." - Matthew 1.23

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 1.18-25 (Byron Jang)

Bible p. 1 NT

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

See Advent Music Sheet

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sermon:

The Rev. James Duckett

~ A minute of silence for reflection & prayer. ~

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, (s)he is worshipped and glorified. (S)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:

During this time of contemplative music, you are invited to pray quietly in your seat or to come forward for Healing Prayer or Anointing.

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 Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry”

CP # 103

Prayer over the Gifts

Said by Priest

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:

See Advent Music Sheet

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer EP # 3

BAS p. 198

Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh, and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world, that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus:

See Advent Music Sheet

**Holy, holy, holy Lord. Lord God of power and might,
Heav'n and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Presider: We give thanks to you, Lord, our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your word spoken through the prophets; and above all, in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night, he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

Acclamation:

See Advent Music Sheet

**We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

Presider: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen: Amen, Amen.

See Advent Music Sheet

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 forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread:

BAS p. 212

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.

Agnus Dei:

See Advent Music Sheet

O Lamb of God. You take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God. You take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God. You take away the sins of the whole world.

Grant us your peace.

Presider: Come to this table not because you must - but because you may. Come not because you have all faith, but because you have some faith and would like to grow. Come because you love the Lord and would like to love more. Come because all is ready and because you are his body.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

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 kneeler, next to the pulpit. To 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: **“La Ténèbre N'est Point Ténèbre”** CP # 549
“Confitemini Domino” CP # 402

Prayer after Communion: Said by all

Presider: Faithful God,

People: 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.

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

Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love all the days of your life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: **“God, My Hope on You Is Founded”** CP # 529

Dismissal:

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

IN OUR DIOCESE: We pray for The Anglican CanAsian Ministry (ACAM) Group; and The Deanery of Richmond-Delta - The Rev. Paul Woehrl, Regional Dean

OUR CHURCH LEADERS: Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, Primate of Canada Linda Nicholls, National Lutheran Bishop Susan Johnson, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop Mark MacDonald, Lutheran Synod of BC Bishop Greg Mohr, Anglican Archbishop Melissa Skelton. We also offer our continual prayers for our companion diocese, The Episcopal Diocese of the Northern Philippines, and its Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Brent Alawas and for Padi (Rev.) Cyril Santong of our companion parish, St. Timothy, Dantay.

IN OUR PARISH: Brenda & the Symonds family, Angela I., Lourdes C., Laura G., Pablo S, Judith A., Loy Lai, Simon B., Barry O., Barbara, Tamara W, Kari M., Chris Mark, Noel Mathew, Catherine, Alan, Sisimio, Dalles

*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 29th, 2019 – 1st Sunday after Christmas

Seven Lessons & Carols

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOLLOWING WORSHIP TODAY, please come and join us for some refreshments and fellowship in the Hall downstairs. Coffee & tea service today is being provided by Anne Marie Milner & volunteers.

ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY – The Altar flowers for today are given to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for the ministry of the Altar Guild.

DIOCESAN care+share OUTREACH PROGRAM – Starting in Advent, the Diocesan care+share program is collecting donations to support the Urban Aboriginal Ministry (UAM). The UAM reaches out to First Nations people from across Canada who are living here in the Lower Mainland, who may at times find themselves in desperate situations and need support and help. Please consider donating to care+share to support this important ministry. If giving by envelope, please mark on the envelope ‘care+share UAM’. To give by credit card, go to the *GIVE - Diocesan Program* on the Diocesan website. For more info go to <https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/news/care-share-advent-campaign-for-2019>

‘EXPRESS RETURN IT’ OF YOUR RECYCLABLES: During the holidays, we seem to collect more beverage recyclables than usual. Just a reminder that St. Timothy’s has been set-up to use ‘Express Return-It’ for recyclables at Encorp Return-It locations. You can bag your cans and bottles in clear or blue bags and drop them off at the Express Station by entering the Parish phone number (604-299-6816). The refund is then credited to the church’s account. An easy way to contribute to the life of St. Timothy’s!

SUNDAY MORNING ROLES: Liturgy is the work of the people and all of us can contribute to our worship time on Sunday mornings. This is an excellent time to (re)consider the roles you take on regularly. We are particularly looking for new members for the Altar Guild, to be Servers, and people to assist with Hospitality. We also always need people to greet visitors and regulars as they arrive for worship, read the Scriptures, lead the Prayers of the People, assist with distributing Communion, count the Offerings, assist with KidsChurch, and manage the PA system & audio recordings. Please see Pat Henderson *or* Rev. James if you are interested in taking on *or* shifting to a new role.

GENERAL OFFERING ENVELOPES & PENS IN PEWS: If you need an offering envelope, there are some located in the pews along with a pen. Please include your name & contact info on these envelopes so we know who is giving. Receipts for tax deductions will be issued for all annual offerings totaling \$20.00 or more at the end of the year. If you would like a numbered yearly set of offering envelopes and don’t currently have one, please let a Sidesperson or the Parish office know. *Please also remember to leave the pen in the pew for the next person to use!* Thank-you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 24	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Family Eucharist Service
		11:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Eucharist Service
Dec. 25	Wednesday	10:00 am	Christmas Day Eucharist w/ a cappella hymn sing
Dec. 29	Sunday	10:00 am	1 st Sunday after Christmas – Lessons & Carols
Jan. 05	Sunday	10:00 am	Epiphany
Jan. 26	Sunday	11:30 am	St. Timothy Potluck Luncheon
December Postponements	<p>The following monthly events are postponed for December, but will resume again in January 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <i>Soup Making Saturday</i> * <i>The CAT Group</i> * <i>Teen Movie Night</i> 		

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The Parish of St. Timothy is an open and affirming community of Christians that welcomes **all** to worship, pray, learn, grow, share life's journeys, and to show the world God's love.

Our regular worship time is 10:00 am Sunday mornings. We welcome children & youth to participate in our worship and offer a children's program during this worship most Sundays. To learn more about the activities of the Parish and how you might become involved, please visit our website, find us on Facebook, join our e-mail list, or contact the Parish Office (604-299-6816).

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