

ST. TIMOTHY ANGLICAN CHURCH

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

DECEMBER 24, 2020

CHRISTMAS EVE



ORDER OF SERVICE -- MORNING PRAYER

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Priest: Jesus Christ is the light of the world;

People: A light no darkness can extinguish.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Priest: Blessed are you, Sovereign God, our light and our salvation, to you be glory and praise forever. To dispel the darkness of our night you sent forth your Son, the firstborn of all creation, to be the Christ, the light of the world.

Rejoicing in the mystery of the Word made flesh, we acclaim him Emmanuel, as all creation sings to you.

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.

People: Blessed be God forever.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Responsory

Your salvation, O God, is near to those who fear you: your glory shall dwell in our land.

**Your salvation, O God, is near to those who fear you:
your glory shall dwell in our land.**

I will listen to what you, Lord God, are saying, for you are speaking peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

Your glory shall dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Your salvation, O God, is near to those who fear you:

Your glory shall dwell in our land. Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Your glory shall dwell in our land.

Righteousness shall go before you, and peace shall be a pathway for your feet.

Your glory shall dwell in our land

First Reading: Psalm 96

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the whole earth. Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord; proclaim God's salvation from day to day. Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples. For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; more to be feared than all gods. As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O Lord, have made the heavens. Majesty and magnificence are in your presence! Power and the splendour are in your sanctuary!

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the Lord honour and power. Ascribe to the Lord the honour due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the Lord. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the Lord all the whole earth. Tell it out among the nations: “The Lord is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity.”

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein. Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O Lord, for you come to judge the earth. You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

Reader: Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:

All: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Opportunity for Contemplation with Musical Interlude

Joe McDonald

Canticle: “The Song of Mary” (Luke 1. 46-55)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for you, Lord, have looked with favour on your lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:

you, the Almighty, have done great things for me and holy is your name.

**You have mercy on those who fear you,
from generation to generation.**

**You have shown strength with your arm
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.**

**You have filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.**

**You have come to the aid of your servant Israel,
to remember the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children forever.**

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2.1-20

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region, there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: The Most Reverend Melissa Skelton

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The Nicene Creed:

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.

The Peace:

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

The Litany:

Priest: Let us pray to the Maker of the universe.

God of wisdom, you order all things: help the church to reveal the mystery of your love and fill it with the Spirit of truth.

All: **Holy One, make all things new.**

Priest: Ruler of the universe, the government is on your shoulders: guide the leaders of the nations and bring in your reign of justice and righteousness.

All: **Holy One, make all things new.**

Priest: Source of all being, you call us to live together in unity: protect by your mercy all your children, bless our families, and renew our communities.

All: **Holy One, make all things new.**

Priest: Giver of peace, you bring reconciliation in the child of Bethlehem: by your healing power give to all who suffer your gift of wholeness and peace.

All: **Holy One, make all things new.**

The Collect:

God of glory, your splendour shines from a manger in Bethlehem, where the Light of the world is humbly born into the darkness of human night. Open our eyes to Christ's presence in the shadows of our world, so that we, like him, may become beacons of your justice and defenders of all for whom there is no room.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:

Priest: Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us and gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

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.

Doxology:

Priest: 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.

Announcements

The Blessing

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

Dismissal:

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Priest: May God, who has called us out of darkness into the marvellous light of Christ, bless us and fill us with peace.

All: Amen.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ONLINE SUNDAY COFFEE HOURS – By popular request, ‘*Zoom Coffee Hour*’ is now every Sunday at 11:30 am, following our online worship. Come & join us online to have a chat and catch up with your fellow parishioners.

LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE – The Anglican Churches of Burnaby invite you to view our joint online Lessons & Carols service. The link can be found on St. Alban’s Burnaby website -- <https://saintalbansburnaby.ca>

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.

Currently, we are offering Sunday Morning Prayer service online at **10:00AM**. Due to COVID-19 second wave concerns, all in-person worship services have been suspended until at least **January 07th, 2021**, at which time the closure will be reassessed.

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 email list, or contact the Parish Office at (604-299-6816).

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