

ST. TIMOTHY ANGLICAN CHURCH

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



DECEMBER 24, 2021 – Christmas Eve
11:00 pm – Holy Eucharist

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 62.6-12

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church,

All: Thanks be to God.

Canticle: Psalm 98

Psalm by George Black



Ring out with joy for God who comes to judge the earth._____

Refrain:

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. With his right hand and his holy arm, he has won for himself the victory. ***Refrain***

The Lord has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations. He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God ***Refrain***

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song. ***Refrain***

With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the Lord. Let the sea make a noise, and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein. ***Refrain***

Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth. In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity.

Refrain

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2.1-20

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Deacon: 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 Savior, 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.

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon:

The Rev. James Duckett

Opportunity for Contemplation with Musical Interlude

Joe McDonald

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.

Prayers of the People:

Leader: 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.

All: Lord, grant us peace.

Leader: By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O Lord. Lord, grant us peace.

All: Lord, grant us peace.

Leader: By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, hear us, O Lord.

All: Lord, grant us peace.

Leader: By the manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us, O Lord.

All: Lord, grant us peace.

Leader: By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, hear us, O Lord.

All: Lord, grant us peace.

Leader: By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O Lord.

All: Lord, grant us peace.

Leader: Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; hear us, O Lord.

All: Lord, grant us peace.

The Peace:

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

All: And also with you.

Hymn: "What Child is This"

CP # 137

Prayer over the Gifts:

Presider: Generous Creator, in faith and joy we celebrate the birth of your Son. Increase our understanding and our love of the riches you have revealed in him, who is Lord now and forever.

All: 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 # XI:

Presider: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ; In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh, you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn.

Sanctus: CP # 689

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

Presider: We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and to redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary. He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to crush death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said: take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: this cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as a priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your Church; gather into one all who share in this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honour are yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

SGP # 12

**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:

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.

Agnus Dei:

“Lamb of God”

CP # 690

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us 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.

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

All seekers of Christ are welcome at this table. If you want to receive the bread of Communion, please form/join the line across the front of the chancel step. Wine is not distributed at this time. Please wear your mask from the time you leave your seat until you return, only then removing your mask to consume your wafer. To bring Communion to your seat, please ask a Sidesperson or Greeter. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please come forward with your arms

folded across your chest.

If you are joining us online or otherwise not receiving communion at this time, you may wish to say the following prayer:

“In union, O God, with all your faithful people gathered wherever the Eucharist is celebrated this day, I offer you praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption given to us through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, and for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I pray you come into my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you. May I serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your promised reign of justice and peace; through Christ and in the unity of the Spirit. Amen.”

Hymn: “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

CP # 120

Prayer after Communion:

Presider: Father of all,

All: tonight, you have united earth and heaven in sending your Son to take our human nature. May we who have tasted heavenly things share in the life of his eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Doxology:

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

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.

Recessional: “Silent Night”

CP # 119

Dismissal:

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

All: Thanks be to God.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

FOR OUR CHURCH LEADERS: We pray for 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 Bishop John Stephens. 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 THE WORLD: We pray for all who have been affected by COVID virus: those who are ill, treating the sick, mourning the losses, or working to ensure the safety of all.

IN OUR DIOCESE: We pray for St. John the Apostle, Port Moody - The Rev. Vivian Lam, The Rev. Anne Anchor, The Rev. Lilian Elliot; St. John the Divine, Maple Ridge - The Rev. Laurel Dahill; St. John the Divine, Squamish - The Rev. Cameron Gutjahr; St. John, Shaughnessy - The Rev. Terry Dirbas, The Rev. Elizabeth Ruder-Celiz.

IN OUR PARISH: We pray for the needs of those in the Parish of St. Timothy, particularly: Brenda and the Symonds family, Peggy, Lilian, Michael, Lourdes, Sophia, Victor, Judith, Vivian

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 EVENTS

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| DEC. 25 | <i>10:00 am</i>
Saturday | Christmas Day Service |
| DEC. 26 | <i>10:00 am</i>
Sunday | Boxing Day Service – 1st Sunday after Christmas |
| JAN. 02 | <i>10:00 am</i>
Sunday | The Naming of Jesus – Rev. April Stanley presiding |

N.B. – *Masks are required for all worship services.*

Mohawk Institute Residential School Tour

JAN. 11, 2022

On Tuesday, *January 11th, 2022, at 9:30am*, Lorrie Gallant, Education Tour Coordinator, will guide viewers around the former Mohawk Institute Residential School *via Zoom*. Lorrie provides the history of the institution's 140 years of operation. Viewers will see the different rooms in the school, including the girls' and boys' dormitories, cafeteria, laundry room, and other rooms throughout the building. This session will also include interviews with five survivors of the Mohawk Institute.

You can register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BIPT11122> to receive the Zoom link for the tour.

Thursday Evening Compline

COMPLINE

***Ongoing* Thursdays**

Come & join St. Stephen's with St. Timothy's on ***Thursdays*** from ***8:30-9:00 PM***, for Compline Prayers offered via Zoom. Join us for a short (*under 30 minutes*) prayer developed by monks & nuns to be said as their last prayers before bedtime.

Our Zoom-based worship is simple, meditative, and quiet.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82048536733?pwd=WDA1dG5nV1VqTnZmTUtmXJoczFZQT09>

Meeting ID: 820 4853 6733 Passcode: 034102

Dial In: 778 907 2071

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 Worship service at **10:00 AM**, with appropriate social distancing -- *masks are required*.

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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