

# ST. TIMOTHY ANGLICAN CHURCH

Meeting on the Traditional Territories of the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm (Musqueam),  
S<sup>k</sup>wxwú7mesh (Squamish), & səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations

NOVEMBER 12, 2023 – 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

"Keep awake therefore,  
for you know neither  
the day nor the hour."



Matthew 25:13

10:00 AM – HOLY COMMUNION

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

### Welcome

**Processional:**           **“Teach Me, My God and King”**

CP # 496

**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.**

### Children’s Talk

**Gloria:**               **“Glory to God”**

CP # 686

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God, and Father,  
we worship you; we give you thanks; we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most-High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### The Collect:

**Presider:**     Eternal God, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning, grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

**All:**           **Amen.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**First Reading:**               **Joshua 24.1-3A, 14-25**

Kum Heng Poon

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.

And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.”

“Now, therefore, revere the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went and among all the peoples through whom we passed, and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the Lord!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

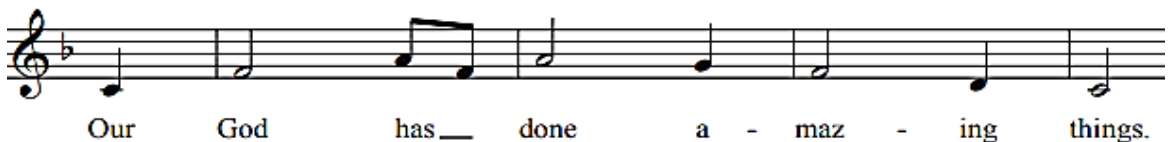
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: **Psalm 78.1-7**

*by George Black*

Refrain:



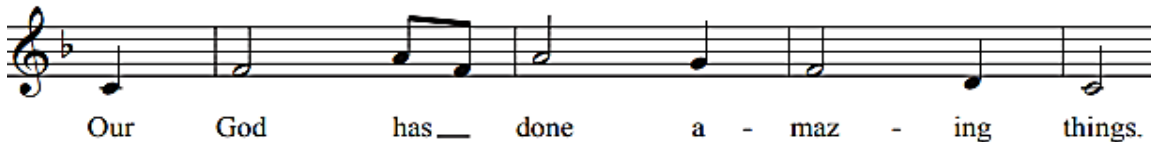
Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times. **Refrain**

That which we have heard and known, and what our forebears have told us, we will not hide from their children. We will recount to generations to come your praiseworthy deeds and your power, O God, and the wonderful works you have done. **Refrain**

You gave your decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, which you commanded them to teach their children. That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; that they in their turn might tell it to their children. So that they might put their trust in you, O God, and not forget your deeds, but keep your commandments.

*Refrain*

Refrain:



**Second Reading:**

**1 Thessalonians 4.13-18**

Beverley Robertson

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died.

For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore, encourage one another with these words.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia"**

CP # 709

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**The Holy Gospel:**

**Matthew 25.1-13**

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

**All: Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give

us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: “Alleluia”

CP # 709

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Sermon:

The Rev. James Duckett

*Opportunity for Contemplation with Musical Interlude*

Geok Poon

The Creed: “I Believe in God Almighty”

CP # 44

- 1. I believe in God almighty, Father of all things that be, maker of the earth and heavens, keeper of the sky and sea. I believe in God’s Son, Jesus, now for us both Lord and Christ, of the Spirit and of Mary born to bring abundant life.**
- 2. I believe that Jesus suffered, scourged, and scorned and crucified; taken from the cross, was buried - true life there had truly died. I believe that on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave, then ascended to God’s right hand. He will come to judge and save.**
- 3. I believe in God’s own Spirit, bonding all the saints within one church, catholic and holy, where forgiveness frees from sin; in the body’s resurrection, for the breaking of death’s chain gives the life that’s everlasting: this the faith that I have claimed.**

Prayers of the People:

Geok Poon

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

~ *Silence is kept* ~

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

All: **For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone.**

Leader: For this community, our country, and the world;

All: **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

All: **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**All: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**All: For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.**

Leader: For John our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**All: For all who serve God in his Church.**

Leader: For our own needs and those of others.

*~ Silence is kept ~*

Leader: Hear us, Lord;  
**All: For your mercy is great.**

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.  
*~ Silence is kept ~*

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our king;  
**All: And praise your name for ever and ever.**

Leader: We pray for all those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*~ Silence is kept ~*

Leader: Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;  
**All: Who put their trust in you.**

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.  
*~ Silence is kept ~*

Presider: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
**All: in your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Presider: Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people; you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Grant our requests as may be best for us and forgive us all our sins. This we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Peace:**

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

**All: And also with you.**

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: “Once to Every Man and Nation”

CP # 587

### Prayer over the Gifts:

Presider: Gracious God, your word to us is food indeed. Receive all we offer you this day, and let your loving-kindness be our comfort, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your living Word.

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 EP# 5:

Presider: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe. You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing:

Sanctus: **“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”**

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 and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross, he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people. On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “Take this, all of you, and eat it: This is my body which is given for you.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the

new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.”

**People: Glory to you forever and ever.**

Presider: Gracious God, with this bread and wine, we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**People: Glory to you forever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

SGP # 12

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:**

Presider: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

**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 would like to receive Communion, please form/ join the line across the front of the chancel step. Intinction is not permitted in this*



*Diocese. You are invited to sip the wine; touch, bow, or otherwise acknowledge the chalice of wine; or pass it by as you prefer. To bring Communion to your seat, please ask a Sides person 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.”*

**Communion Hymn: “The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing”**

CP # 404

### **Prayer after Communion:**

Presider: Living God,

**All: in the eucharist you fill us with new hope. May the power of your love, which we have known in word and sacrament, continue your saving work among us, and bring us to the joy you promise. 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.**

### **Announcements**

#### **The Blessing:**

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God’s Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Recessional: “Awake! Awake! Fling Off the Night”**

CP # 599

#### **Dismissal:**

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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*Today, we welcome and thank Geok Poon for being our Guest Musician.*

**Sanctuary Flowers** for today are given to the Glory of God  
-- With deep thanks for all the blessings of our Lord.

**COFFEE HOUR:** Following worship today, please come & join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Hall downstairs. Many thanks go to Joyce James & June Kaiser for providing the tea & coffee service today.

***If you would like to help with the Coffee Hour, please contact Pat Henderson.***

### **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 Christopher Harper, Lutheran Synod of BC Bishop Kathy Martin, Anglican Bishop John Stephens. We also offer our continual prayers for our companion diocese, The Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines, Bishop - The Right Rev. Benny Lang-Akan; & for Padi (The Rev.) Cyril Santong of our companion parish, St. Timothy, Dantay.

**IN THE WORLD:** We pray for all who are continuing to deal with the COVID virus. We pray for peace & an end to the violence in Ukraine; Sudan; Israel; and Palestine. We pray for all those in areas affected by heavy rains & flooding; and recent earthquakes.

**IN OUR DIOCESE:** We pray for Military Chaplains – Captain the Rev. Michael McGee, CFB Borden.

**IN OUR PARISH:** We pray for the needs of those in the Parish of St. Timothy, particularly: the Symonds family, Lilian, Lourdes & family, Judith & family, Vivian, Stacey & the Walsh-Lewington family, Geoff W., Gayle & family, the Wickens Family, Jeannette, Philippa, Sue H., the Edwards family, the family of Marie Heidsma; Jon Hawes & family.

*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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| <i>Ongoing Tuesdays</i>   | <b>1:30–3pm</b> | <b><u>Bible Study</u></b> – <i>meeting at the church</i> |
| <i>Ongoing Wednesdays</i> | <b>7:30–9pm</b> | <b><u>Bible Study</u></b> – <i>meeting at the church</i> |

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### Church Ladies Christmas Luncheon

We are planning a Church Ladies Christmas Luncheon at Little Billy’s Steakhouse, 6785 E. Hastings St., (near Sperling Ave.), Burnaby, 604-294-4460, on **Thursday, December 07<sup>th</sup>, at 12 Noon.** All women are warmly welcome for some fabulous fellowship & food. We have to make reservations, so please notify Lourdes as soon as you can @ 604-433-0654 or after worship on Sunday. *Hope to see you there!!*

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### Thursday Evening Compline

Come & join St. Stephen’s with St. Timothy’s on Thursdays from 8:30-9:00pm, 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, & quiet. **Meeting ID:** 820 4853 6733 **Passcode:** 034102 **Dial In:** 778 907 2071

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### St. Stephen’s Community Meal

St. Stephen’s is once again offering their Community Meal on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. This simple evening meal is for everyone - those whose budgets need a free meal & those who need a meal with others. Dinner is served at 5:30pm. Drop-in set up volunteers are welcome after 4:30 pm. A Vegan option will always be available. This meal is free (donations are welcome, but not required). Location: 9887 Cameron Street., Burnaby 604-421-0472

The next meal will be **Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**, 2023.

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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.

Currently, we are offering Sunday Worship service at **10:00 AM**, in person as well as online.

**N.B.** – *Masks & hand sanitizer are available.*

*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** you can contact the Parish Office at (604-299-6816).*

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| Geok Poon  | Guest Musician       |
| Lizz Lawrence  | Parish Administrator |