

Welcome to St Timothy's

Living our faith in Jesus Christ
with Open Arms, Open Hearts, Open Minds



December 24th, 2020
Online Eucharist Service at 10:30pm

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: Christ Child

Opening Hymn: **O Come, All Ye Faithful**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem;
come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of Light,
lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;
very God, begotten not created:

Refrain

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest:

Refrain

Opening Sentences

Presider: Blessed are you, O Christ, Son of God, you were before time began and came into the world to save us. Blessed are you, Sun of righteousness; you shine with the Father's love and illumine the whole universe. Blessed are you, Son of Mary; born a child, you shared our humanity.

All: **Let heaven and earth shout their praise.**

Presider: With all the voices of heaven we celebrate the coming of our Saviour.

All: **Let heaven and earth shout their praise.**

Presider: With all the creatures on earth we sing and dance at his birth.

All: **Praise and honour and glory to you, O Lord most high.**



The Gloria

Celebrant: Glory to God in the highest,

All: and peace to his 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 of the Day

Celebrant: Eternal God,

All: this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

A reading from the Book of Isaiah: *read by Mary Pember*

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem,

I have posted sentinels;

all day and all night

they shall never be silent.

You who remind the Lord,

take no rest,

and give him no rest

until he establishes Jerusalem

and makes it renowned throughout the earth.

The Lord has sworn by his right hand

and by his mighty arm:

I will not again give your grain

to be food for your enemies,

and foreigners shall not drink the wine

for which you have laboured;
but those who garner it shall eat it
and praise the Lord,
and those who gather it shall drink it
in my holy courts.

Go through, go through the gates,
prepare the way for the people;
build up, build up the highway,
clear it of stones,
lift up an ensign over the peoples.

The Lord has proclaimed

to the end of the earth:

Say to daughter Zion,
'See, your salvation comes;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.'

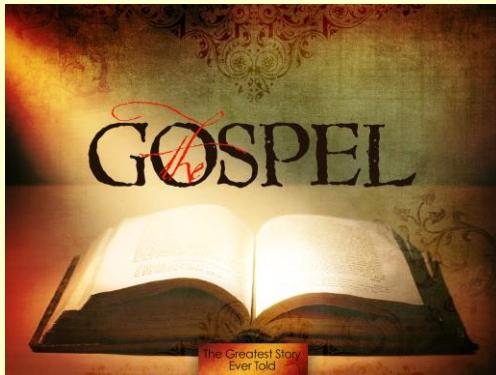
They shall be called, 'The Holy People,
The Redeemed of the Lord';
and you shall be called, 'Sought Out,
A City Not Forsaken.'

Isaiah 62: 6 – 12

Silence is kept for reflection

Reader: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People: Thanks be to God.



read by The Rev. Gerlyn Henry

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

People: **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 favours!' 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.

Luke 2: 1 – 20

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

The Reverend Canon Dr. Eric Beresford

Silence is kept

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant: 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

Marian Archbold

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.

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. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Presider: As we worship with the shepherds and the angels before the newborn Christ child, we open our hearts in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept

All: Merciful God, we need your healing. Give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us, some escape us, some we cannot face. Forgive us. Set us free to hear your word to us. Set us free to serve you.

Presider: God the Creator bring you to new life, forgive and redeem you. Take hold of this forgiveness and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus

All: **Amen.**

Presider: God forgives you. Forgive others. Forgive yourself.

The Peace

Celebrant: Rejoice! I bring good news for all people.

All: **Unto us a child is born. Alleluia!**

Celebrant: Today, the angels sing on earth.

All: **Glory to God in the highest! And peace to God's people on earth.**

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

People: **And also with you.**

We encourage you to share the peace with each other through the chat function on Zoom.



The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: Source of light and gladness,
All: accept all we offer on this joyful feast. May
we grow up in him who unites our lives to
yours; for he is Lord now and for ever. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer 3

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the mystery of his incarnation was made perfect man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; in him we have seen a new and radiant vision of your glory.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven, we lift
our voices and sing our joyful hymn of praise
to proclaim the glory of your name.

All:

F C Dm C Dm C F C⁷ F

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

B^b C Dm C B^b Gm C F Gm C⁷ B^b/F F

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

F C Am Dm C⁷ F Dm C F C F

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

B^b C Dm A^m B^b C F Gm C⁷ B^b/F F

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

This image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (F major). The music is in common time. The lyrics are integrated into the musical lines, with each line of text corresponding to a specific melodic phrase. The chords are indicated above the staves, and the lyrics are written below the notes. The score is designed for a four-part choir or ensemble.

Celebrant: 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,

All: **we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: 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 for ever.

People: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us,

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**



The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

All: **have mercy on us.**

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

All: **have mercy on us.**

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

All: **grant us peace.**

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: The gifts of God for all the People of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Communion Hymn:

Stille Nacht (Silent Night)

*Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
Alles schläft, einsam wacht
Nur das traute, hochheilige Paar:
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh.*

Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight:
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia,
Christ the Saviour is born!
Christ the Saviour is born!

Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

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

Celebrant: 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, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant: Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All: **Amen.**

Community Notices

Closing Hymn:

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."

Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain

**Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."**

Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail, the incarnate Deity,
pleased as one of us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Refrain

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings,
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise each child of earth,
born to give us second birth.

Refrain

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go in peace rejoicing in the birth of our Lord Jesus.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Toccata from 'Symphony No. 5'

Charles Marie Widor

Our musical performers this evening are:

Virginia Hatfield, *soprano*

Alanna Ellison, *harp*

Kris Madigan, *percussion*

Edward Connell, *organ and piano*

**The Musical Gift
of our Guest
Percussionist,**

Kris Madigan, is
given to the Glory of
God and in loving
memory of

Canon Ralph Price,
Barbara Price,

Ron & Audrey Pember,
Janet McKnight and Kim Warner,
by Fred & Mary Pember.





Christmas Poinsettia Memorials

The **Christmas Poinsettias** in the church and distributed to those on our prayer list, are given to the Glory of God and *in loving memory of*

- Thomas Brown given by his wife Barbara and sons Robert, Richard & Douglas.
- Eric Davis and Bernie Kelly given by Sarah & Robert Kelly.
- Earline, Stew, Ann & Ted Shaw given by Gloria Shaw.
- Tony & Monty Stapleton given by Dee Stapleton.
- Elizabeth Fraser given by Janet Fraser.
- Sydney Gauld Fraser given by Doreen Fraser & family.
- Sam Habib given by Irmgard Habib & family.
- Frank Hicks given the Fraser family and friends.
- Elwin Springer, Joseph Bancroft & Myrtle Bancroft given by Mary Springer.

- our parents John & Anita Liburd and Charles & Myrtle Warton given by Sydney Liburd and Rosina & John Warton.
- Joan Scott given by Dale Scott.
- Jeffrey Jones and Charles Jones given by Jean Jones.
- My daughter Lise Aerinne Waxer and Rev. Cambell Alexander Russell given by Diane Yip.

in thanks

- for my family and friends given by Jane Hutchinson.



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Our Vision

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