

# **Welcome to St Timothy's**

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

## **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**



**December 23rd, 2020  
Online Service at 7:30pm**

*Prelude:*        Noel Huron (from 'Deux Noels')    *Denis Bedard*

*Welcome:*        *The Rev. Canon Dr. Eric Beresford*

*Opening Carol:*

**Once in Royal David's City**

*Solo*

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

*All*

He came down to earth from heaven  
who is God and Lord of all,  
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;  
With the poor and mean and lowly lived on earth our  
Saviour holy.

And through all his wondrous childhood  
he would honour and obey,  
Love and watch the lowly maiden  
in whose gentle arms he lay:  
Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as he.

And our eyes at last shall see him,  
through his own redeeming love,  
For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above;  
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,  
We shall see him; but in heaven,  
set at God's right hand on high;  
Where like stars his children crowned  
all in white shall wait around.

*Irby*

### *The Bidding Prayer*

Presider: My sisters and brothers in Christ, in this season when we celebrate the birth of Jesus, let it be our care and delight to hear once more the message of the angels and go in heart and mind to Bethlehem to see the Son of God lying in a manger.

As we hear the reading of God's holy word, let us reflect on the behaviour of humanity toward the creator of the universe. Let us join with Mary, the favoured handmaid, and offer ourselves in service to God's holy and saving purpose for the world. Let us give thanks to the one whose power has made us the children of God.

As we mark once more the mystery of the Word made flesh, let us join with the song of the angels and saints and make this place ring with our carols and hymns of praise.

But first, let us remember the poverty of the birth of the Prince of Peace, and pray for the

poor, the cold, the hungry, and those among us who find that there is no room at the inn.

Let us remember the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt, and pray for the oppressed, refugees, the isolated, and those on the edges of our society.

Let us remember that the Lord of Glory experienced the pain of life and death, and pray for the sick, the anxious, the weary, and the bereaved.

And remembering the promise that he shall reign forever and ever, let us pray for the rulers of the nations, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church, that we may be a sign that God's rule and of the created unity of the whole human family.

With joy in our hearts let us hear again the story of the birth of Christ, and join with Mary and Joseph, with shepherds and wise men, and with all our forbears in faith, in offering our worship.

**All:**

**Amen.**

## *The Lord's Prayer*

**All:**            Our Father, who art in heaven,  
                  hallowed be thy name,  
                  thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
                  on earth as 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.

## *Carol:*            **Ding, Dong, Merrily on High**

Ding dong, merrily on high! In heav'n the bells are ringing;  
ding dong, verily the sky is riv'n with angel singing.  
Gloria, hosanna in excelsis! Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, let steeple bells be swungen,  
And io, io, io, by priest and people sung.  
Gloria, hosanna in excelsis! Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!

Pray ye dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers;  
may ye beautifully rhyme your evetime song, ye singers.  
Gloria, hosanna in excelsis! Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!

*George Ratcliffe Woodward*

**The Prophecy of the Messiah's birth**

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.  
For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counsellor, 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 onwards and for evermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

*Isaiah 9: 2, 6 – 7*

*Silence is kept for reflection*

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

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

*Carol:*

**Christmas Moon**

Moon above the quiet town, how lovely your light.  
Moon above the peaceful fields, how beautiful your sight.  
Moon above the mountaintops, how far can you see  
rising over Bethlehem, over Galilee?

Moon above the waking stars, what wonder draws near?  
Moon above the watching stars, what whispers do you hear?  
Moon above the singing stars, your voices unite,  
never has such joy been known since the dawn of time.

Following the sun with its light upon your face,  
faithfully you've marked every season, every day.  
You have been the rise and fall of many crowns.  
Now, at last, the universe points to David's town.

Moon above the quiet town, how lovely your light.  
Moon above the peaceful fields, how beautiful your sight.  
Moon above the manger bed, your softest of beams  
shines upon a new-born babe drifting off to dream.

*Hyun Kook*

*Linda Marcus and Julie I. Myers*

*Carol:*

**O Little Town of Bethlehem**

O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep,  
the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary;  
and, gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wondering love.  
Oh morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the King,  
and peace to all the earth.

O holy child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in;  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel.

*St. Louis*



**A Promised Ruler from Bethlehem**

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

***Micah 5: 2 – 4***

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**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

*Carol:*

**Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming**

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming  
from tender stem hath sprung!  
of Jesse's lineage coming  
as seers of old have sung.  
It came, a blossom bright,  
amid the cold of winter,  
when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,  
the Rose I have in mind,  
with Mary we behold it,  
the virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright,  
she bore to us a Saviour,  
when half spent was the night.

O Flower, whose fragrance tender  
with sweetness fills the air,  
dispel in glorious splendour  
the darkness everywhere;  
true man, yet very God,  
from sin and death now save us,  
and share our every load.

*Est in ein ros*

### Third Reading from the Gospel of Luke:

*The Rev. Gerlyn Henry*

#### **The Angel Gabriel Announces the Good News**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

***Luke 1: 26 – 38***

*Silence is kept for reflection*

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**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Carol: All Poor Folk and Humble**

All poor folk and humble, all lame folk who stumble.  
Come haste ye, and be not afraid;  
for Jesus our treasure whose love passes measure,  
in lowly poor manger was laid.

Though wise men who found him laid rich gifts around him,  
yet oxen they gave him their hay;  
and Jesus in beauty accepted their duty:  
contented in manger he lay.

Then haste we to show him the praises we owe him;  
our service he ne'er can despise,  
whose love still is able to show us that stable  
where softly in manger he lies.

The Christ child will lead us, the good Shepherd feed us,  
and with us abide till his day.  
Then hatred he'll banish, then sorrow will vanish,  
and death and despair flee away.

And he shall reign ever, and nothing shall sever  
from us the great love of our King.  
His peace and his pity shall bless his fair city;  
his praises we ever shall sing.

Then haste we to show him the praises we owe him;  
our service he ne'er can despise,  
whose love still is able to show us that stable  
where softly in manger he lies.

*Olwen*

**Fourth Reading from the Gospel of Matthew:**     *Bea Wilson*

**The Birth of Jesus**

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',

*Matthew 1: 18 – 23*

*Silence is kept for reflection*

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

**People:**    **Thanks be to God.**

**Carol:           The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy**

The virgin Mary had a baby boy,  
the virgin Mary had a baby boy,  
the virgin Mary had a baby boy,  
and they say that his name was Jesus.

***Refrain***

He come from the glory,  
he come from the glorious kingdom.

He come from the glory,  
he come from the glorious kingdom.

O yes! believer!

O yes! believer!

He come from the glory,  
he come from the glorious kingdom.

The angels sang when the baby was born,  
the angels sang when the baby was born,  
the angels sang when the baby was born,  
and proclaim him the Saviour Jesus.

***Refrain***

The wise men went where the baby was born,  
the wise men went where the baby was born,  
the wise men went where the baby was born,  
and they say that his name was Jesus.

***Refrain***

*The Virgin Mary*

**The Shepherds Visit the Manger**

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.

*Luke 2: 4 – 16*

*Silence is kept for reflection*

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

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

***Carol:*            **Shepherds in the Field Abiding****

Shepherds in the field abiding,  
tell us, when the seraph bright  
greeted you with wondrous tiding  
what you saw and heard that night.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

We beheld it (it is no fable),  
God incarnate, King of bliss,  
swathed and cradled in a stable,  
and the angel strain was this:  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Choristers on high were singing,  
Jesus and his Virgin birth  
heavenly bells the while a-ring,  
"Peace, good will to all on earth."  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Thanks, good shepherds, true your story,  
let us go to Bethlehem.  
Angels hymn the King of glory,  
carol we with you and them.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

*Iris (Gloria)*



## Sixth Reading from the Gospel of John:

*The Rev. Canon Dr. Eric Beresford*

### **The Mystery of the Incarnation**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

*John 1: 1 – 14*

*Silence is kept for reflection*

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*Carol:*           **I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day**

I heard the bells on Christmas Day,  
    Their old familiar carols play,  
And mild and sweet their songs repeat  
    Of peace on earth, good will to men.

And the bells are ringing:  
Peace on earth. (Like a choir they're singing:)  
    Peace on earth. (In my heart I hear them:)  
    Peace on earth, good will to men.

And in despair I bowed my head:  
    "There is no peace on earth," I said.  
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song  
    Of peace on earth, good will to men."

But the bells are ringing:  
Peace on earth. (Like a choir they're singing:)  
    Peace on earth. (Does anybody hear them?)  
    Peace on earth, good will to men.

Then rang the bells more loud and deep:  
    "God is not dead, nor doth He sleep.  
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail  
    With peace on earth, good will to men.

Then ringing, singing on its way  
The world revolved from night to day.  
    A voice, a chime, a chant sublime  
    Of peace on earth, good will to men.

And the bells are ringing:  
Peace on earth. (Like a choir they're singing:)  
Peace on earth. (And with our hearts we'll hear them:)  
Peace on earth, good will to men.

Do you hear the bells? They're ringing:  
Peace on earth. (Like the angels singing:)  
Peace on earth. (Open up your heart and hear them:)  
Peace on earth, good will to men.

*Words by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow  
Music and additional words by Mark Hall, Dale Oliver  
and Bernie Herms*

### *Closing Prayers and Blessing*

Presider: Son of Mary, Son of God,  
we have joined the worship of the angels;  
may we never lose that heavenly vision.  
Like the shepherds,  
we have rejoiced at the news of your birth;  
help us to proclaim that message in word and  
deed,  
to your praise and glory.

May God the Father,  
who loved the world so much that he sent his  
only Son  
to come among us in great humility,  
open your eyes to look for his coming again.

**All: Amen.**

Presider: May God the Son  
give you grace to live  
in the light of his coming as redeemer and  
judge.

**All: Amen.**

Presider: May God the Holy Spirit  
free you from sin,  
make you holy,  
and bring you to eternal life.

**All: Amen.**

Presider: So may 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,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
be with you now and always.

**All: Amen.**

***Closing Carol: 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***

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,  
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;  
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;

***Refrain***

*Adeste Fidelis 118*

***The Dismissal***

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

***Postlude:*** Toccata from 'Symphony No. 5'

*Charles Marie Widor*

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**Our musical performers this evening are:**

Virginia Hatfield, *soprano*

Karina Bray, *mezzo soprano*

Grant Pettypiece, *tenor*

Jesse Clarke, *baritone*

Alanna Ellison, *harp*

Kris Madigan, *percussion*

Edward Connell, *organ and piano*

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# *Christmas at St. Timothy's*

**December 24th – Christmas Pageant & Family Eucharist**  
*Online at 4:30pm*

**December 24th – Candlelight Eucharist** *Online at 10:30pm*

**December 25th – Christmas Day Eucharist**  
*Online at 10:00am*

**December 27th – 1st Sunday after Christmas**  
*Online Eucharist at 10:00am*

**January 1st – New Year's Day Morning Prayer**  
*Online at 9:30am*

**January 3rd – The Epiphany** *Online Eucharist at 10:00am*

*All the Zoom links and bulletins are available on our website <https://sttimothy.ca/christmas-service-times-2/>*



## 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.



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## 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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