

Welcome to St Timothy's

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

Christmas Pageant Family Service



December 24th, 2020
Online Eucharist Service at 4:30pm

Welcome to St. Timothy's!

We are an Anglican church with a deep commitment to community. We seek to live our faith in a spirit of welcome for all, compassion for those in need, and a willingness to approach our faith and our culture with inquiring minds.

We are people who, together, long to welcome, serve, and understand. We hope that you will experience that welcome and, if you are a visitor, consider making us your church home.

This sacred land is the territory of several indigenous Nations – the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishnaabe, with special recognition to the Mississaugas of New Credit.

We also acknowledge that we are on the shores of Niigaani-gichigami/Lake Ontario. This territory is governed by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Treaty, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Anishnaabe Confederacy to peaceably share and sustain the life of the Great Lakes. In the spirit of that Treaty we seek to place at the centre of our gatherings the values of respectful reciprocity, diversity, peace, responsibility, and mutual aid.

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: **Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy** (*Tchaikovsky*)

Welcome

Gathering Carol:

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."**

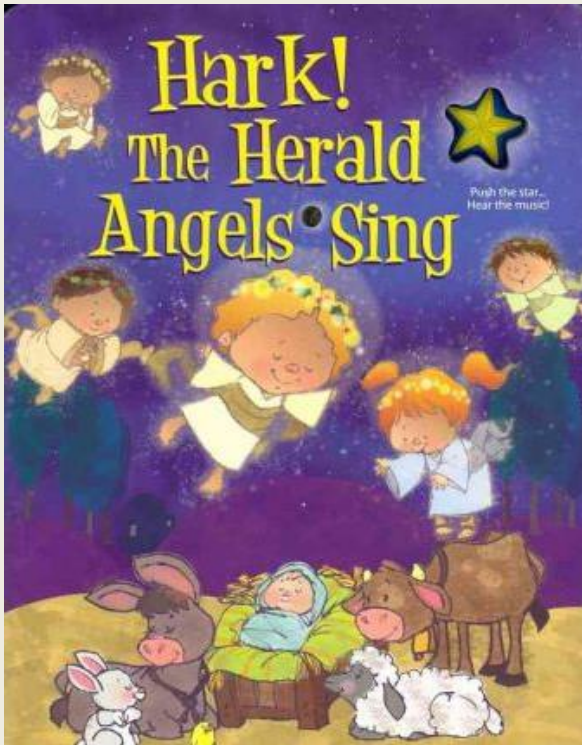
Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.

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



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: Brothers and sisters in Christ, we have come together in the presence of God to rejoice in the gift of Jesus to us as the light of the world, to hear and receive the story and message of the coming of Christ, and to offer to God our thanksgiving in prayer with bread and wine.

Let us pray together:

All: **Holy Jesus, by being born one of us, and lying humbly in a manger, you show us how much God loves the world. Let the light of your love always shine in our hearts. Amen.**

The Pageant:

A Telling of the Story of the Birth of Jesus

(Sit back and enjoy the video that features children of our parish)

*The reading is taken from the Gospel according to Luke 2: 1 – 20
from the Jesus Calling Bible Storybook.*

Carol:

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song?

Refrain

Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

Refrain



Silence is kept

The Peace

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

All: Unto us a child is born. Alleluia!

Presider: Tonight, the angels sing on earth.

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

Presider: 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

Offertory Hymn:

'Twas In the Moon of Wintertime

'Twas in the moon of wintertime,
when all the birds had fled,
that mighty Gitchi Manitou
sent angel choirs instead;
before their light the stars grew dim,
and wandering hunters heard the hymn:

Refrain

**Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,
In excelsis gloria.**

Within a lodge of broken bark
the tender Babe was found;
a ragged robe of rabbit skin
enwrapped his beauty round,
but, as the hunter braves drew nigh,
the angel song rang loud and high:

Refrain

O children of the forest free,
beloved of Manitou,
the holy child of earth and heaven
is born today for you.
Come kneel before the radiant boy,
who brings you beauty, peace and joy.

Refrain

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: Jesus, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to
kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you,
our Saviour and our God.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

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: It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong. You made us and the whole universe and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child. He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins; he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world and clothe us with power from on high. And so, we join the angels to celebrate and sing:

**All: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.**

Celebrant: Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took the bread and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me."

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me."

**All: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: Father, as we offer this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood. And so, on this holy night, we pray for all Christians, far and near, that we may be one.

We pray for wise leaders and gentle shepherds to guide all nations.

We pray for peace on earth, and good will to all people.

We pray for strength for those who are suffering, and joy for those who are lonely.

We pray for our families and friends, and for those who need our care.

Pour your Spirit on us and on all your people that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, forever and ever.

**All: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray together as Jesus taught us.
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.**

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.**

Invitation to Communion

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



Communion Carol: Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay;
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus -- look down from on high
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with you there.



Prayer after Communion

Presider: Father of all, you have given us your Son to be the Saviour of the world. Welcome us your children into your kingdom to enjoy your presence for ever.

All: Amen.

The Blessing

Presider: May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the faith of Mary and Joseph, and the peace of the Christ Child be yours this Christmas; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Closing Carol: **Joy to the World**

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
let earth receive the King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns:
let us glad songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.





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*

Our musical performers this evening are:

Grant Pettypiece, *tenor*

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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