

Welcome to St Timothy's

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

The Nativity of the Lord



December 25th, 2020
Online Eucharist Service at 10:00am

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: In Dulci Jubilo, BWV 608

J. S. Bach

Opening Hymn:

See Amid the Winter's Snow

See amid the winter's snow,
born for us on earth below,
see, the tender Lamb appears,
promised from eternal years!

Refrain

Hail, thou ever-blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Lo, within a manger lies
he who built the starry skies,
who enthroned in height sublime
sits amid the cherubim.

Refrain

"As we watched at dead of night,
lo, we saw a wondrous light;
angels singing 'Peace on earth'
told us of the Saviour's birth."

Refrain

Sacred infant, all divine,
what a mighty love was thine,
thus to come from highest bliss
down to such a world as this!

Refrain

Presider:

People: I bring you good news of great joy:

a saviour has been born to you. Alleluia.

Presider:

Unto us a child is born,

All: **unto us a Son is given. Alleluia.**

Presider:

He is Christ the Lord. Alleluia.

All:

We worship and adore him. Alleluia.

Presider:

Almighty God, in the incarnation of your Son
you have opened for us a new and living way
into your presence. Give us new hearts and
constant wills to receive your gift with joy and
to worship you in spirit and truth, through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All:

Amen.



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: you wonderfully created and yet more
wonderfully restored our human nature. May
we share the divine life of your Son Jesus
Christ, who humbled himself to share our
humanity, and now lives 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:

Frances Flint

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.

Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord has comforted his people,

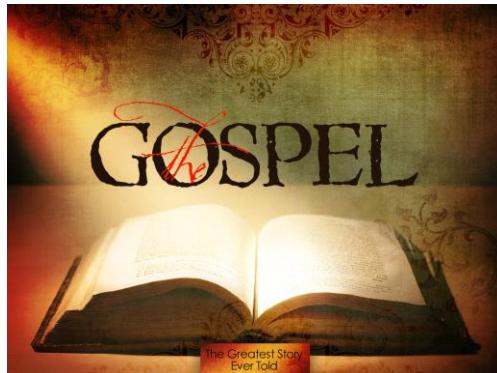
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Isaiah 52: 7 - 10

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. Canon Dr. Eric Beresford

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

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

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

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily

The Rev. Canon Michael Burgess

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

Alan Flint



Confession and Absolution

Presider: As we gather with the shepherds before the newborn Christ child, we open our hearts in love, 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: God of peace,

All: **your Son Jesus Christ has reconciled us to you. May all we offer you today renew us as members of your household. We ask this in his name. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer 2

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: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: **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.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, “Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you.” In the same way he took the cup, saying, “This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me.”

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: Rejoicing in God's new creation, 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.**

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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: Gesu Bambino

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows
 upon a winter night,
Was born the Child, the Christmas Rose,
 the King of Love and Light.

The angels sang, the shepherds sang,
the grateful earth rejoiced;
And at His blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced.

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

Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night,
That gave the world its Christmas Rose,
its King of Love and Light.

Let every voice acclaim His name, the grateful chorus swell.
From paradise to earth He came
that we with Him might dwell.

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

(Pietro Yon)

Prayer after Communion

Presider: Father of all,

All: **the child born for us is the Saviour of the world. May he who made us your children welcome us into your kingdom, where he is alive and reigns with you now and for ever.**
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: 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.**

Community Notices

Closing Hymn:

Good Christians, All, Rejoice

Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!

Listen now to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.

Christ is born today;
Christ is born today!

Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Hear the news of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this;
he has opened heaven's door
and we are blessed for evermore!

Christ was born for this;
Christ was born for this!

Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Now you need not fear the grave;
Jesus Christ was born to save:
come at his most gracious call
to find salvation, one and all!

Christ was born to save;
Christ was born to save!

(In Dulci Jubilo)

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: In Dulci Jubilo, BWV 729

J. S. Bach

Upcoming Services at St. Timothy's

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/>

Our musical performers this evening are:

Karina Bray, *mezzo 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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