

Welcome to St Timothy's

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

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT



December 16th, 2021
In-Person & Online Service at 7:30pm

Prelude: Vocalise, Opus 34, No 14 Sergei Rachmaninoff
Danielle Johannes, Oboe
Edward Connell, Piano/Organ

Welcome - Land Acknowledgement

The Rev. Canon Dr. Eric Beresford

The land from which we gather is the traditional territory of many nations including the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee, Anishinabek, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory is governed by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Treaty. Today, Toronto is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island.

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.

Choir processes to the front during an instrumental solo.

Choir 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.

All 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 123)

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.**

Choir Carol: Ding, Dong, Merrily on High

Ding dong! Merrily on high in heaven the bells are ringing.
Ding dong! Verily the sky is filled with angels singing.
Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!

All God's people here below are filled with joy and gladness,
For Messiah, now we know, has banished fear and sadness.
Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!

'Tis the long awaited time; the Son of God is given!
And the ringing of the chime lifts all our hearts to heaven!
Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!

(French, arr. Larry Shackley)
(George R. Woodward, alt.)

First Reading from the Book of Isaiah:

Read by Helen-Sue Gorman

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:

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

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God in the highest:
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

(Adeste Fidelis 118)

Second Reading from the Book of Micah:

Read by Audrey Gilpin

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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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 120)

Third Reading from the Gospel of Luke:

Read by Anne Seymour

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

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Choir Carol:

Gabriel's Message

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
"All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favoured lady," Gloria!

"For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honour thee,
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
most highly favoured lady," Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,
"my soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name."
Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say--
"Most highly favoured lady," Gloria!

(Trad. Basque, arr. Petman and Melville)

(Sabine Baring-Gould)

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.

(Es ist ein Ros)

Fourth Reading from the Gospel of Matthew:

Read by Wendy Fraser

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

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Carol: **Go, Tell It On the Mountain**

Refrain

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.

Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light.

Refrain

The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Saviour's birth!

Refrain

Down in a lonely manger
the humble Christ was born,
And God sent our salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.

Refrain

(Go, Tell It)

Choir Carol:

Run, Shepherds

Run, shepherds, run and see the Baby!
Run, shepherds, to Bethlehem!
Run, shepherds, run and see the Baby,
see the Baby born, the Great I AM!

There's a star in the east on Christmas morn.
It will lead to the place where the Saviour's born.
If you take good heed to the angel's words,
You'll forget your flocks, you'll forget your herds.

Run, shepherds, run and see the Baby!
Run, shepherds, to Bethlehem!
Run, shepherds, run and see the Baby,
see the Baby born, the Great I AM!

See the Baby born, the Great I AM!
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(Victor C. Johnson)

Fifth Reading from the Gospel of Luke:

Read by Mary Pember

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

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People: **Thanks be to God.**

Choir Carol: Pavane for a Silent Night

On a silent, starry night, Christus natus est.
All is calm and all is bright,
Son of God and love's pure light,
Born in Bethlehem that night.
Christus natus est, Christus natus est.

Born in Bethlehem that night, holy Child divine.
Born a Child and yet a king, hear the heavenly angels sing,
Joyful the tidings bring: Christus natus est, Christus natus est.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

He is born, Emmanuel, God on earth to dwell.
He is born, the holy Child, the infant mild.
Born in Bethlehem, Son of God and son of man.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

On a silent, starry night, Christus natus est.
Alleluia, Christus natus est. Alleluia!

(Patrick Liebergen after Ravel)

(Jean Anne Shafferman)

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.

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

See him in a manger laid,
whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while our hearts in love we raise.

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Sixth Reading from the Gospel of John:

Read by Deborah Brooks

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

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People: **Thanks be to God.**

Choir Carol: Divinity in a Manger Bed

Creator of the heavens and earth,
descends to us through human birth.
The Word made flesh, he comes to dwell:
“God is with us,” Emmanuel.

The King of kings, his glory shed,
now slumbers in a manger bed.
The King of kings, his glory shed.
Divinity in a manger bed.

He comes into our earthly space
to save and serve our fallen race.
He dies that we may die to sin,
he lives that we may live with him!

The Lord of lords gives up his throne
to make this broken world his home.
The Lord of lords, his glory shed.
Divinity in a manger bed.

(A. Royce Eckhart)

(Marti McCartney Crow)

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: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn 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 host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
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!
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

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.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."
(Mendelssohn 138)

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: From 'Twelve Fantasias', TWV 40 G. P. Telemann
(Allegro Fantasia 1 TWV 40:2 / Fantasia 5 TWV 40:6)

Danielle Johannes, Oboe
Edward Connell, Piano/Organ

Christmas at St. Timothy's

December 18th – Blue Christmas Service

In-person & Online Service at 4:30pm

December 19th – 4th Sunday of Advent

In person at 8:00am & In-person & Online Eucharist at 10:00am

Advent Vespers In-person & Online at 4:30pm

December 24th – Christmas Pageant & Family Eucharist

In-person & Online Service #1 at 3:00pm

In-person & Online Service #2 at 4:30pm

December 24th – Candlelight Eucharist

In-person & Online Eucharist at 10:30pm

December 25th – Christmas Day Eucharist

In-person & Online Eucharist at 10:00am

December 26th – 1st Sunday after Christmas

In-person & Online Eucharist at 8:00am & 10:00am

January 2nd – The Epiphany

In-person & Online Eucharist at 8:00am & 10:00am

* *Please note that registration is required for all in person attendance. Visit www.sttimothy.ca for registration information.*



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Our Vision

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