

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, 2021
Online & In-Person Eucharist Service at 10:00am

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: In Dulci Jubilo, BWV 608

(J. S. Bach)

Welcome - Land Acknowledgement

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 Hymn:

God Rest You Merry, One and All

God rest you merry, one and all, let nothing you dismay,
for Jesus Christ our Saviour was born on Christmas Day
to save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;

O tidings of comfort and joy!

From God our great Creator a blessed angel came,
and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same,
how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;

O tidings of comfort and joy!

"Fear not," then said the angel, "let nothing you affright;
this day is born a Saviour, the true and radiant light,
to free all those who trust in him from Satan's power and
might."

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy!

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
and in true love and fellowship each other now embrace;
this holy tide of Christmas is filled with heavenly grace.

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy!

(God Rest You Merry)

Opening Sentences

Celebrant: I bring you good news of great joy:

All: A Saviour has been born to you. Alleluia.

Celebrant: Unto us a child is born,

All: Unto us a Son is given. Alleluia.

Celebrant: He is Christ the Lord. Alleluia.

All: We worship and adore him. Alleluia.

Celebrant: 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 Gloria

Tune: Antioch (Joy to the World)



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo- ple on



earth. Lord God, — heaven-ly king, — al-might-y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord

Time: Away In a Manger



Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, takes the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the



right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive, re - ceive our prayer. For

Time: In Dulci Jubilo (Good Christian Friends, Rejoice)



you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, —



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

rit.



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

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

read by The Rev. Canon Dr. Eric Beresford

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.

The Gospel

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 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. Gerlyn Henry

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 led by The Rev. Canon Dr. Eric Beresford

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: 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**

For those gathered online, we encourage you to share the peace with each other through the chat function on Zoom.

For those of us gathered in person, please refrain from physical contact with each other.

You may offer the peace with a nod & a wave.

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.

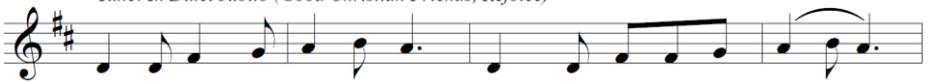
Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as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

Tune: In Dulci Jubilo (Good Christian Friends, Rejoice)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, —



heav - en and earth — are full of you glo - ry. Ho



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

Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
 san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

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.

Everyone is welcome to receive Communion or a blessing as appropriate at our services. At this time, in order to help towards containing the spread of COVID-19 only the bread will be offered.

Those unable to be physically present in the Church may make their spiritual communion at this time by praying the following prayer:

I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in the Holy Sacrament and in your people who are gathered in spirit. In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart, and in our community. May you, enthroned on the altar, be now enthroned in my heart; may you, present

in bread and wine, feed and renew my soul; may you, who give yourself to us again, fill us with grace and heavenly blessing. Even as I am fed, may my hunger for you and for your reign of justice and peace increase, that I may, with your Spirit, work for that day when your reign shall come on earth as in heaven. Amen.

Communion Solo:

Cantique de Noel (O Holy Night)

Minuit, chrétiens, c'est l'heure solennelle,
Où l'Homme Dieu descendit jusqu'à nous
 Pour effacer la tache originelle
 Et de Son Père arrêter le courroux.
Le monde entier tressaille d'espérance
À cette nuit qui lui donne un Sauveur.
Peuple à genoux, attends ta délivrance.
 Noël, Noël, voici le Rédempteur,
 Noël, Noël, voici le Rédempteur!

*O holy night! The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till He appear'd and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born;
O night divine, O night, O night Divine.*

*(Adolphe Adam)
(Karina Bray, soloist)*

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 153)

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)

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 Canon Ralph & Barbara Price, Ron & Audrey Pember, Janet McKnight, Kim Warner and John Price by Fred & Mary Pember.
- loving memory of Mabel Burnside Scott given by her family.
- loving memory of Shirley Gies given by Douglas Gies.
- loving memory of Mary & Jack Stinson given by Marilyn & Michael Clarke.
- loving memory of Sam Habib given by Irmgard Habib & family.



- loving memory of Elwin Springer, Joseph Bancroft & Myrtle Bancroft given by Mary Springer.
- loving memory of our parents John & Anita Liburd and Charles & Myrtle Warton given by Sydney Liburd and Rosina & John Warton.
- loving memory of Joan Scott given by Dale Scott.
- loving memory of Jeffrey Jones and Charles Jones given by Jean Jones.
- loving memory of my daughter Lise Aerinne Waxer and Rev. Cambell Alexander Russell given by Diane Yip.
- loving memory of Doreen & Sydney Fraser given by Don & Colleen Fraser, Janet Fraser and Pat & Neil Bradley.
- loving memory of Elizabeth Fraser given by Janet Fraser.
- thanksgiving for my family and friends given by Jane Hutchinson.



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Our Vision

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