

Welcome to St Timothy's

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

Christmas Pageant Family Service



December 24th, 2021

Online & In-Person Eucharist Service at 3:00pm & 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: **Carol of the Drum** (*Katherine Davis*)

Gathering Carols:

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

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.**

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

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
glory to God in the highest:

Refrain

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.

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.

Lighting of the Candles

(A candle is lit with each congregational response.)

Presider: Today we remember Jesus and the story of his birth;

All: Jesus is our King.

Presider: Jesus Christ is the light of the world;

All: Jesus is our Way.

Presider: With Jesus even dark places are light;

All: Jesus is the Truth.

Presider: In Jesus we shall live for ever;

All: Jesus is our Life.

Presider: Born in Bethlehem Jesus is with us always

All: Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us.

Advent Responsory:

A Candle Is Burning

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
A candle of HOPE in November's dark night
While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,
Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh

A candle is burning, a candle of PEACE,
A candle to signal that conflict must cease
For Jesus is coming to show us the way
A message of peace humbly laid in the hay

A candle is burning, a candle of JOY,
A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy
Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow
As joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow

A candle is burning, a candle of LOVE,
A candle to point us to heaven above
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth
For Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.

We honor Messiah with Christ's candle flame
Our Christmas Eve candles glad tidings proclaim
O Come, all you faithful, rejoice in this night
As God comes among us, the Christian's true light.

(Tune: Away in a Manger)

Presider: Beloved 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 afresh the story of the coming of Christ, to offer to God our thanksgiving in prayer, and to celebrate His love 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

Due to the increased concerns around the Omicron variant, we have revised the service for this evening and will feature a pre recorded pageant with children of our parish. We hope you will sit back and enjoy this presentation.

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

Carol: O Little Town of Bethlehem (v. 1 & 3)

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.

How silently, how silently
the wondrous gift is given
as love imparts to human hearts
the blessings of God's heaven!
No ear may hear his coming;
but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plain
And the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strain
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.

Homily

*The Rev. Gerlyn Henry
/ The Rev. Canon Dr. Eric Beresford*

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.

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

Offertory Hymn:

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.

Chorus

**He comes from the glory,
He comes from the glorious kingdom,
He comes from the glory,
He comes from the glorious kingdom,
O yes, believer! O yes, believer!
He comes from the glory,
He comes 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 they say that his name was Jesus.

Chorus

The shepherds came where the baby was born,
The shepherds came where the baby was born,
The shepherds came where the baby was born,
And they say that his name was Jesus.

Chorus

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: Let us gather at God's table.
Grown-ups, are you here? Say Amen.

Grown-ups: Amen.

Celebrant: Children, are you here? Say Amen.

Children: Amen.

Celebrant: For the saints who are with us, Say Amen.

All: Amen.

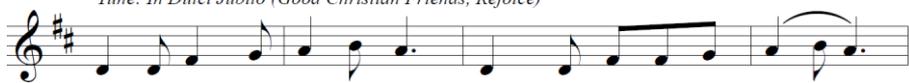
Celebrant: With all God's creation, Say Amen.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: God most loving, God most wonderful,
when there was nothing, you began creating
everything in beauty and goodness.
When Miriam saved her brother Moses, they
endured to lead their people Israel to freedom;
when Samuel heard God's voice in the night,
he said "yes" and became God's helper;
when Mary heard the angel's call, she joined
with you and turned the world upside down;
and so, with all God's children the whole
creation sings this song of joy:

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: God most loving, God most wonderful,
when the world needed you, you came as
Jesus, the child of our hope;
when he was twelve, Jesus explained the Bible
to the teachers in the temple;
when he was a grown-up, he brought the
children close to him.
When children got sick, he came to them and
made them better;
when people were hungry, a boy offered his
bread and fish so Jesus could feed them;

because you love us, you call us into a circle of friends.

On the night before he died, Jesus had supper with friends, took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and shared it with them, saying: "Take and eat; this is bread for the journey – my body, given for you. Do this to remember me." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with them saying: "This is the cup of blessing – my blood, shed for you and for all people. Do this to remember me."

Celebrant: Remembering Christ's dying, Let the people say, Amen.

All: Amen!

Celebrant: Celebrating Christ's rising, Let the people say, Amen.

All: Amen!

Celebrant: Looking for Christ's coming again. Let the people say, Amen.

All: Amen!

Celebrant: God most holy, God most motherly, pour out your Spirit upon this bread and wine so we may become a community of love, joy and friendship. May we taste and see your gift of life, shared at this table, shared with the world, here and everywhere, now and always, and let all the people say, Amen.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray together as Jesus taught us.

**All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for 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.

Communion 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!
See the Baby born, the Great I AM!

(Victor C. Johnson)

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.)

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.

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

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.

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.

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: **Waltz of the Flowers (from 'The Nutcracker')**
(Tchaikovsky)



December 24th – Candlelight Eucharist at 10:30pm

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

December 26th – 1st Sunday after Christmas
Eucharist at 8:00am & 10:00am

January 2nd – The Epiphany Eucharist at 8:00am & 10:00am

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