



The Anglican Parish of
St. Luke Cedar Hill

Christmas Eve
December 24, 2020
Lessons and Carols



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Welcome to One and All, and Merry Christmas to You!

Organ Prelude: Chorale Preludes on *In Dulci Jubilo*
by J.S. Bach (BWV 751, BWV 729)

Welcome and Christmas Greeting (The Rev. Daniel Fournier)

The Gathering of the People

Priest: I bring you good news of a great joy
which will come to all the people;
for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord.

My sisters and brothers, in the name of Christ
and on behalf of the parish of St. Luke, I welcome you.
We have come together as Christmas draws near
to prepare for our celebration
of the birth of God's beloved Son.

Through the days of Advent
we have followed the light of Christ,
and now we travel in spirit with Mary and Joseph
to Bethlehem to acclaim
with the multitude of the heavenly host
the coming of the Prince of Peace.
Through Scripture and silence, prayer and song,
let us hear again the wonderful story of our redemption,
and let us rejoice and respond with lively faith.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

*The Advent wreath candles for hope, peace, joy, and love are
already burning. Today we light the Christ Candle.*

Priest: Our God is here!

All: God's Spirit is with us!

Priest: Let us open our hearts to God's presence.

All: With joy we open our souls to Jesus Christ.

Christmas Eve Prayer:

Priest: God our Father, today the Saviour is born
And those who live in darkness are seeing a great light.
Help us, who greet the birth of Christ with joy,
To live in the light of your Son
And to share the good news of your love.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
The light who has come into the world.

All: Amen.

Opening Carol: O Come All Ye Faithful (CP 118) v. 1-5

**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, (three times)
Christ the Lord.*

**God of God, Light of Light,
Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten, not created; *Refrain***

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, in the highest; *Refrain***

**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***

**Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:**

*Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, (three times)
Christ the Lord.*

We take a few moments of silence. Following the silence, the nativity scene (the crèche) will be blessed.

Priest: Dear friends, as we meet to celebrate the birth of Christ, let us pray that God will bless this crib, that all who worship his Son, born of the Virgin Mary, may come to share his life in glory.

God our Father, on this night your Son Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary for us and for our salvation: bless this crib, which we have prepared to celebrate that holy birth; may all who see it be strengthened in faith and receive the fullness of life he came to bring, who is alive and reigns for ever.

All: Amen.

Bidding Prayer

Priest: We have come together as the family of God, in our Father's presence, to celebrate the great festival of Christmas. In this service we hear and receive the good news of the birth of Christ and we offer to God our thanksgiving in the joyful singing of carols.

As we gather together in the name of Christ, we pray for the world he came to save: for the Church, that it may be enabled in our generation to surrender anew to God's holy Wisdom, and bear the good news of God's love to a needy world;

for the world, which is already Christ's, that all its peoples may recognize their responsibility for its future, and may be inspired by the message of Christmas to work together for the establishment of justice, freedom and peace everywhere;

for all in special need, the sick, the anxious, the lonely,
the fearful and the bereaved,
that the peace and light of the Christ-child
may bring hope and healing to all who sit in darkness.
We commend all whom we love,
or who have asked for our prayers,
to the unfailing mercy of our heavenly Father,
and say together, as Christ himself 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.**

Christmas Eve Collect:

Priest: Let us pray,
Eternal God who made this most holy night
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:
bring us, who have known the revelation
of that light on earth,
to see the radiance of your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever.

All: Amen.

LESSON 1: Isaiah 9: 2-7

Reader: *Tara Poillievre*

Reader: A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Click here for the reading:

https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=52#hebrew_reading

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Carol: Shepherds in the Field Abiding (CP 135)

**Shepherds in the field abiding,
Tell us when the seraph bright
Greeted you with wondrous tiding,
What you saw and heard that night.**

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo. (twice)

**We beheld (it is no fable),
God incarnate, king of bliss,
Swathed and cradled in a stable,
And the angel strain was this. *Refrain***

**Choristers on high were singing
Jesus and his virgin birth,
Heavenly bells the while aringing,
“Peace, goodwill to all on earth.” *Refrain***

**Thanks, good shepherds, true your story;
Let us go to Bethlehem.**

**Angels hymn the king of glory;
Carol we with you and them. *Refrain***

LESSON 2: Luke 2: 1-7

Reader: *Ray Lett*

Reader: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Click here for the reading:

https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=53#gospel_reading

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Carol: Away in a Manger (CP 126)

(Solo: Matthew Robertson v.2)

**Away in a manger, no crib for a 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.**

LESSON 3: Luke 2: 8-20

Reader: *Bre Bonneau*

Reader: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

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At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Carol: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (CP 138)

**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 heavenborn 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”.**

LESSON 4: John 1: 1-14

Reader: *Michael Zastre*

Reader: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Click here for the reading:

https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=54#gospel_reading

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Carol: Silent Night (CP 119)

(Duet: Daniel Fournier and Joan Scandrett)

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and Child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born!**

**Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.**

Reflection: The Rev. Daniel Fournier

Piano Solo: *The First Noel*, arr. Carol Tornquist;
Susanne Reul-Zastre

The Benediction

Priest: May the Father, who has loved the eternal Son
from before the foundation of the world,
shed that love upon you his children.

All: Amen.

Priest: May Christ, who by his incarnation
gathered into one, things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with joy and peace.

All: Amen.

Priest: May the Holy Spirit, by whose overshadowing
Mary became the God-bearer,
give you grace to carry the good news of Christ.

All: Amen.

Priest: 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 Hymn: Joy to the World (CP 154) v.1, 2, 4

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her 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 earth, 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.**

Dismissal

Priest: Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.

All: Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude: Toccata on *Il Est Né* from Deux Noëls
by Denis Bédard

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Merry Christmas to you and your loved ones!
May the Peace of the Christ Child
be with you to guide your steps,
strengthen your resolve,
warm your heart,
and fill you with Love.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS – December 27 – January 3
(New Items, *Revised Items)**

****A Big Thank You to Carol Turnham** for decorating the sign on the corner and for sending the picture, which is on the Christmas Day bulletin cover.

There will not be a recorded service on Sunday, December 27th. A list of other services to watch will be listed at the website and on Facebook.

****Lessons and Carols for Epiphany** – On Sunday, January 3rd, there will be a recorded Lessons and Carols for Epiphany Service. Watch for the link in the morning of January 3rd.

The Church Office will be closed the week of December 28th and will reopen on January 4th. The mailbox and phone messages will be checked regularly that week.

End of Year Donations – To ensure that your donation is included with your 2020 donations, please make sure that it is in the mailbox by Sunday, December 27th so that it can be counted and deposited before the end of the year. **We thank you for your faithfulness in keeping up your donations while the church is closed.**

***Coffee Time via Zoom is happening on Sunday mornings while the church is closed for in-person services** – Join us on **Sunday, December 27th, January 3rd, and 10th at 10:30 am for Coffee Time** in your home via Zoom. The link is sent out each week by e-mail. If you have questions, please e-mail Barb Prescott (communications@stlukecedarhill.ca). Hope to see you there.

2021 Contributor Boxes – Your box of envelopes for 2021 is available to be picked up at the church office. If you are not able to come to the church office, please e-mail (admin@stlukecedarhill.ca) or call St. Luke's Office (250-477-6741) and we will arrange for someone to drop off your box. Even if you contribute by ECP (Electronic Collection Plate) please pick up your box. If at some point during the year you wish to make a donation for a

special event or cause, such as for flowers, outreach, or a seasonal donation at Christmas or Easter, please use one of your envelopes for that additional donation.

***Vivo Knife Stamps for the Shelbourne Community Kitchen**
– When you shop at Thrifty Foods, collect the Vivo Kitchen Knife stamps at the checkout. Put your stamps into an envelope and drop it into the church mailbox at the hall or bring them to the office. We will redeem the stamps for Vivo Kitchen knives to donate to the Shelbourne Community Kitchen. **With the stamps donated to date by St. Luke's, Broadview United Church, and Church of the Cross, 18 chef's knives have been acquired for the Kitchen.** Questions? Please talk to Barb Prescott or call St. Luke's Office (250-477-6741).

Order Your Anniversary T-Shirt Now – Heather Simpson is taking orders for our anniversary t-shirts with the wonderful, colourful design chosen through the T-Shirt Design Contest earlier this year. T-shirts are available in sizes S-3XL at a cost of \$20 each. To order a t-shirt, please call (250-477-6741) or e-mail (admin@stlukecedarhill.ca) St. Luke's Office and Bonnie will pass your message on to Heather. See the design and more information at **the News page of St. Luke's website.**

READINGS FOR SUNDAY December 27, 2020

Isaiah 61: 10-62: 3

Psalm 148

Galatians 4: 4-7

Luke 2: 22-40

READINGS FOR SUNDAY January 3, 2021

Isaiah 40: 1-5

Luke 1: 39-55

Luke 2: 8-20

Matthew 2: 1-12

Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23

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FLOWERS

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of dear son Mark
and loving parents Emily & Carl Phipps
from Barb & Harry Felsing

Flowers at St. Lukes are coordinated by Ann Seguin.
