

ST. PAUL ANGLICAN CHURCH NANAIMO
CHRISTMAS EVE – 7 PM LIVESTREAM
December 24, 2020



Meeting on the traditional lands of the Snuneymuxw First Nation

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SERVICE OF THE WORD – 7 PM LIVESTREAM

*This liturgy is based on the
Anglican Church of Canada **Book of Alternative Services***

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

*We commit ourselves to working together in a spirit of reconciliation as we worship and serve on the
traditional lands of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.*

Presider/Preacher: The Ven. Clara Plamondon

Organist: Freeman Dryden

Videographer: Charles Harman

OPENING HYMN: CP 138 - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1 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.”

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring off 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.”

3 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.”

WELCOME:

Gathering

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. (Luke 2.10–11)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE:

Immanuel, God-with-us,
with eyes open, hearts softened, minds listening, and spirits full,
we rejoice that you interrupt what we have in mind
in order to bring into being something more than we dare imagine.
May your light shine! Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN: CP 137 - What Child is This

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom
angels greet with anthems sweet, while
shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain

*This, this is Christ the king, whom
shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the
babe, the son of Mary.*

2 Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding? Good
Christian, fear: for sinners here the
silent Word is pleading. *(Refrain)*

3 So bring him incense, gold, and
myrrh: come, peasant, king, to own
him. The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
(Refrain)

GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

The Ven. Clara Plamondon

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON:

The Ven. Clara Plamondon

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Good and gracious God, on this holy night you gave us your Son, wrapped in swaddling clothes, the Saviour of all, lying in a manger. On this holy night draw us into the mystery of your love. Join our voices with the heavenly host, that we may sing your glory on high. Give us a place among the shepherds, that we may find the one for whom we have waited, Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh.

Let us pray for the Church around the world as it celebrates the birth of Christ. Bless all those who are entrusted with Christian ministry that your Word might be proclaimed with truth and courage across our world.

Grant reconciliation to those surrounded with conflict and violence, that they may live in the peace of this holy night.

Let us pray for all who are cold, hungry, or alone this night. Embrace with your tender care all who wander alone or have no place to lay their head, that they may experience the hope of this holy night.

Let us pray for all who are in need. Draw near to those who find this season a source of pain or grief, and to all who are suffering or sick, that they may feel the comfort of this holy night.

Let us pray for ourselves and for the blessings of Christmas. Open our hearts to your presence, that we may be transformed by the new birth of this holy night.

Let us give thanks for all the faithful departed who have been bearers of the Word made flesh. Give us grace to follow your holy ones in lives of faith and commitment, that we may we join with the hosts of heaven in singing the praises of this holy night.

All these things grant us, O God, for the sake of the One who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

(Source: <http://re-worship.blogspot.ca/2011/12/prayers-of-people-christmas-eve.html>

Accessed Dec 23, 2013)

APOSTLES CREED:

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Light a candle)

HYMN: CP 119 - Silent Night

1 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.

2 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.

3 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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

In thanksgiving for the gifts that we offer to the glory of God and for our ongoing ministry as a parish, let us pray:

Source of light and gladness, accept all we offer on this joyful feast. May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours; for he is Lord now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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.

BLESSING:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DISMISSAL:

Christ is born!
Love has been poured into our hearts!

CLOSING HYMN: CP 118 (vs 1-4) - O Come All Ye Faithful

1 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;

2 God of God, Light of Light,
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten not created:
(Refrain)

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

3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in
exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven
above; Glory to God in the highest:
(Refrain)

4 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)

Thank you for joining us this evening!
Christmas Day Livestream Service – tomorrow at 10 am

NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SERVICES ON DEC 27TH – you are
encouraged to go to our Christ Church Cathedral website
for service options:

[Christ Church Cathedral | Anglican Church in Victoria, BC](#)

Our Regular Sunday Virtual Services will resume Jan 3, 2021 with a 9 am
Zoom Service and 10:30 am Livestream Service

A Blessed Christmas to you and your loved ones