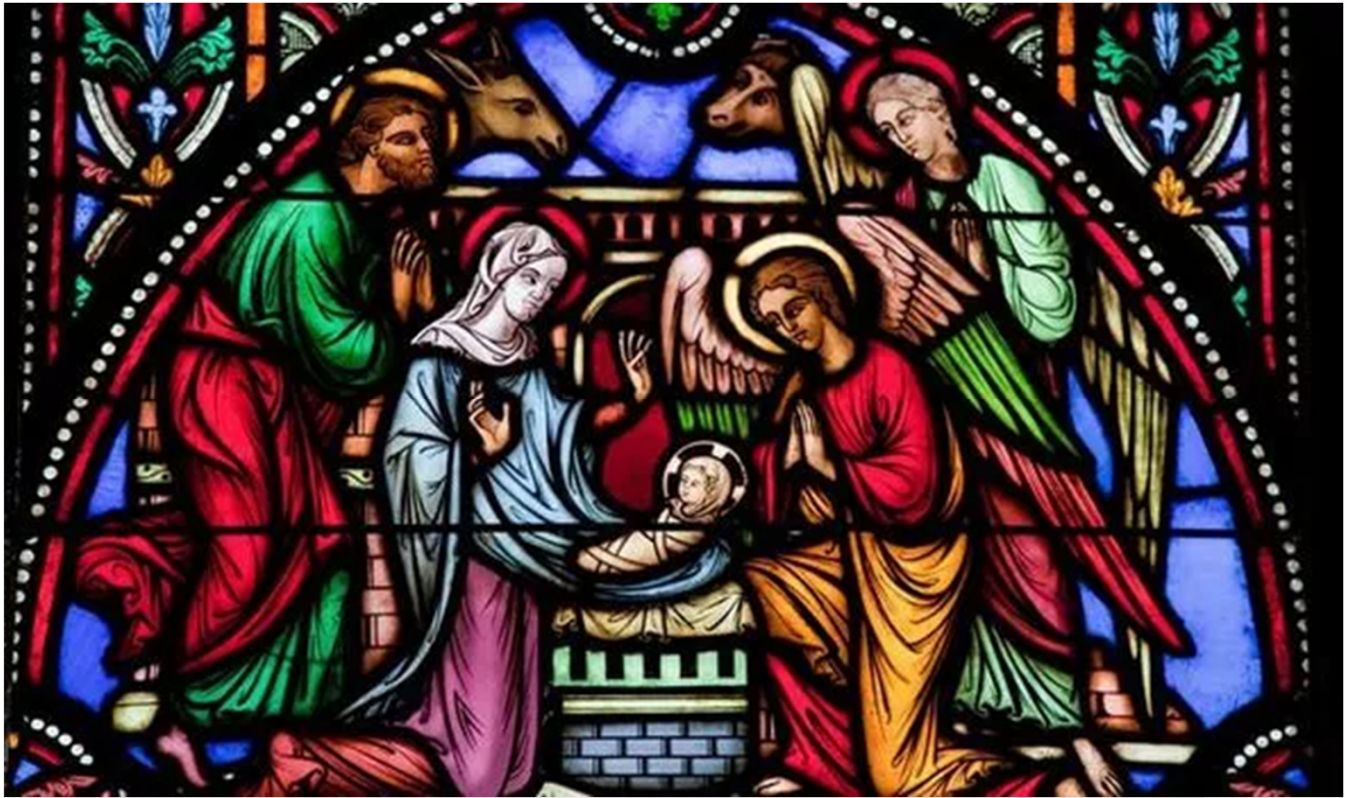


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CHURCH



**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER
CHRISTMAS DAY – JANUARY 3, 2021
MORNING PRAYER**

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Presider: Rev. Sharon Smith

Music: Siiri Rebane,
Penny Zuk

Reader 1: Penny Zuk

Reader 2: Roslyn Jackson

Intercessor: Bev London

Altar Guild: Bonnie Grundy

Christmas Décor:

Linda Robertson

John Luccock

Evan Jennings

Sound: Susana Valente

Livestream: Gordon Lee

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Welcome and Intentions: Rev Sharon

Opening hymn: Angels from the realms of glory

Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
you who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
come and worship, come and worship
worship Christ, the new-born King.

Shepherds in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant Light:
come and worship, come and worship
worship Christ, the new-born King.

Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations;
you have seen his natal star:
come and worship, come and worship
worship Christ, the new-born King.

Saints before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear:
come and worship, come and worship
worship Christ, the new-born King.

Though an infant now we view him,
he shall fill the eternal throne,
gather all the nations to him;
every knee shall then bow down:
come and worship, come and worship
worship Christ, the new-born King.



Image from St. Benedict's Anglican Church

Gathering of the Community:

Presider: In this time and place
We gather on the unceded
ancestral lands of the Squamish
and Tsleil-Waututh nations

**All: From many places and peoples we
come to this house of prayer.**

Presider: In this time and place
We give thanks for the light of God that
shines in the darkness

All: A light no darkness can quench.

Presider: In this time and place
We give thanks for the light and peace of
Jesus Christ the Word made flesh

All: The light of all people.

Presider: In this time and place
We pray that the Spirit of God will be
renewed in our hearts and minds

**All: That we might be the light of God in the
world.**

Presider: In this time and place
Together, one people of God.

**All: In the name of God, Source of all being,
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

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

All: And also with you.

Presider: Holy One,
All: 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.

Prayer of the Day (Collect):

Presider: God who walks with us in our darkness
All: God who draws out an inner light.
Our ignorance and bias prevent us
from seeing the whole,
and from seeing ourselves.
May we fear neither the uncertainty
of night nor the exposure of day,
for in both we are known by you.
Amen.

A prayer from the Corrymeela Community

Gloria: Glory Be to God on High

Glory be to God on high,
To all people, peace on earth.
Angels, shepherds drawing nigh,
Join to celebrate his birth.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Jesus Christ we now declare
Lamb of God and Lord of Love.
Grant us mercy, hear our prayer,
Give us grace from heav'n above.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

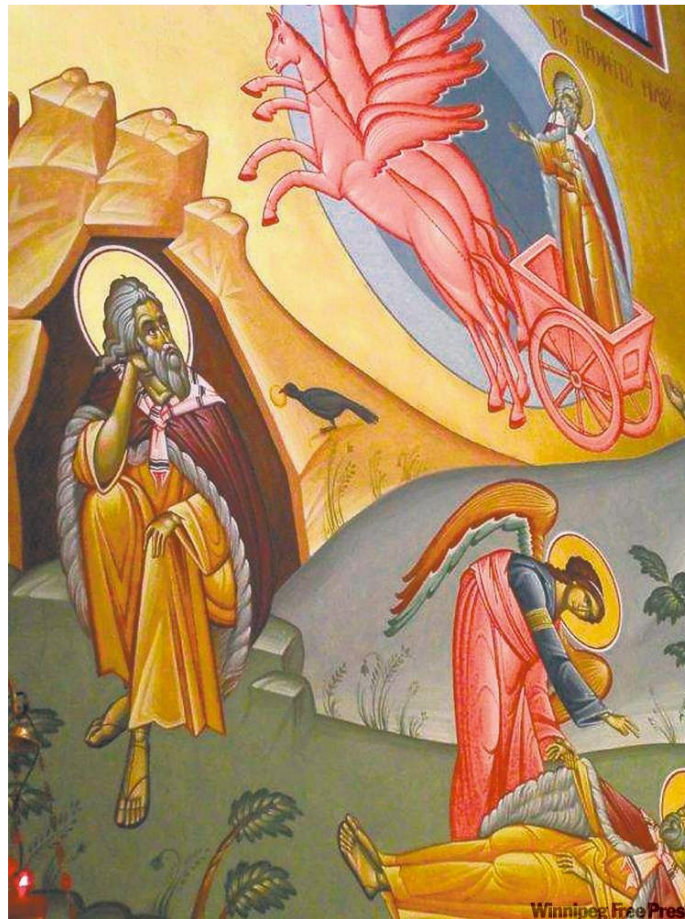
Praises to the Holy One,
Praises sing in highest heav'n
To the Father and the Son,
And the Holy Spirit giv'n.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Children's Story: Rev. Sharon

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Sirach 24:1-12

The figure of Wisdom played a major role in early discussions of Christology. Wisdom is the divine word, coming from the mouth of God, and ruling over all of creation. Wisdom, created at the beginning of time, made her dwelling place in Jerusalem among God's people.



Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

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Psalm 147:12-20 (NRSV; The Inclusive Psalter)

Presider: Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion,

People: Who has strengthened the bars of your gates, who has blessed your children within you.

Presider: For the Lord has established peace on your borders and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

People: The Lord sends out a command to the earth, and this word runs very swiftly.

Presider: The Lord gives snow like wool and scatters frost like ashes.

People: And hail like bread-crumbs; who can stand against such cold?

Presider: The Lord sends forth the word and melts them, blowing with the wind and the waters flow.

People: The Lord declares the word
to Jacob, statues and
judgements to Israel.

ALL: The Lord has not done so to any other
nation; to them these judgements
have not been revealed. Hallelujah!
Amen.



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Second Reading: The Inward Journey

by Howard Thurman

The symbol of Christmas—what is it?

It is the brooding Presence of the Eternal Spirit
making crooked paths straight,

rough places smooth,

tired hearts refreshed,

dead hopes stirred with the newness of life.

It is the promise of tomorrow at the close of every day, the
movement of life in defiance of death,

and the assurance that love is sturdier than hate, that right
is more confident than wrong,

that good is more permanent than evil.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

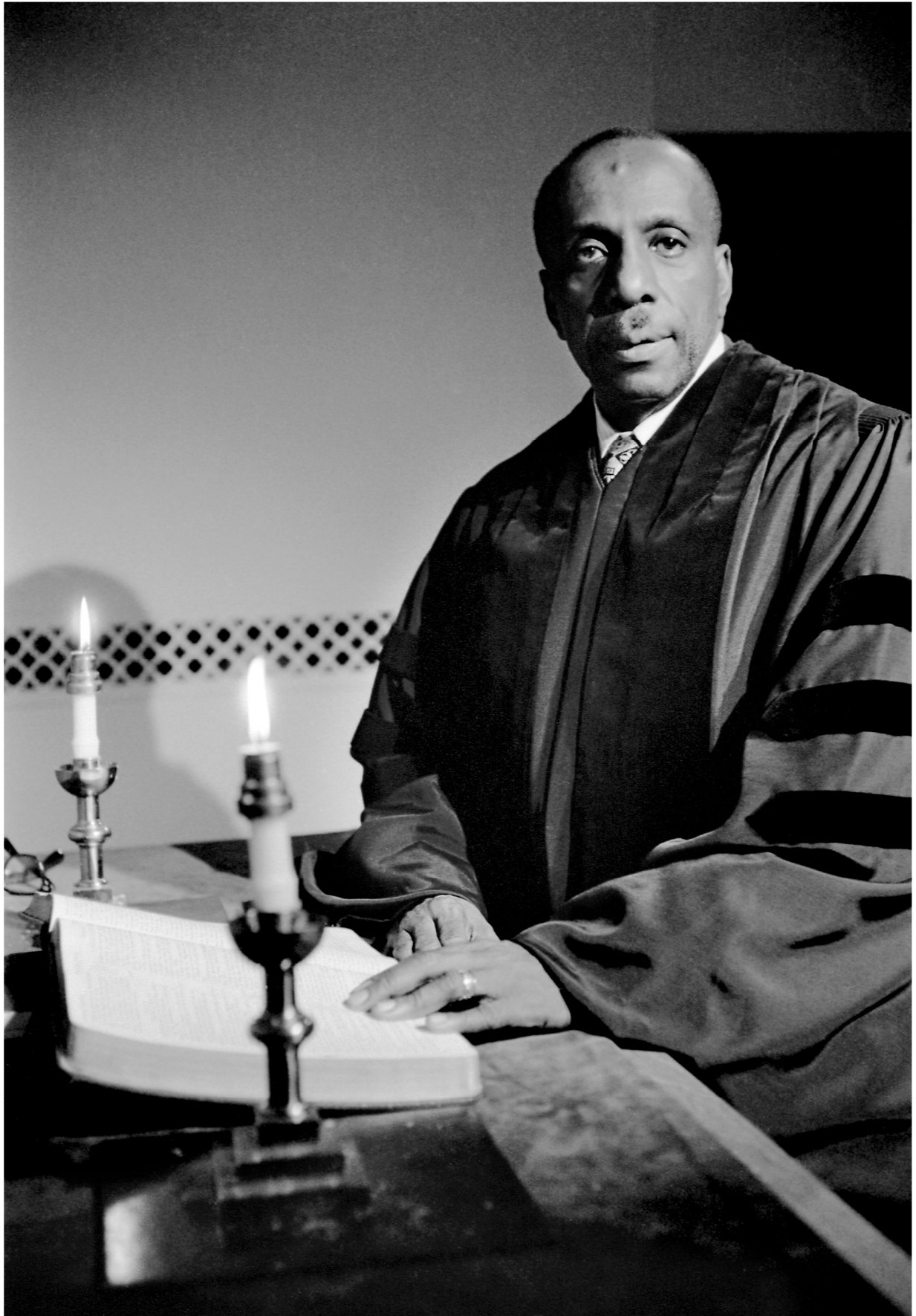


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Gospel Hymn: Love Came Down at Christmas

Love came down at Christmas,
love all lovely, love divine;
love was born at Christmas --
star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,
love incarnate, love divine;
worship we our Jesus --
what shall be our sacred sign?

Gospel Reading: John 1: 1-18

John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.

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.



Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Image from Jesus Walk Bible study series.

Gospel Hymn: Love Came Down at Christmas

Love shall be our token;
love be yours and love be mine;
love to God and neighbour,
love for prayer and gift and sign.

Homily – Rev Sharon

Affirmation of Faith

Presider: Moses said,

All: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Presider: And Jesus affirmed:

All: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, And with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment, the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

All: Spirit of God, search our hearts.

Prayers of the People



Confession

Presider: Let us in silence confess our faults and admit our frailty.

Reflective silence follows.

Presider: In the community of Christ's Church and in the presence of all God's people:

**All: We confess to God that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved God,
cared for God's world,
or respected God's people as we should.
We own our responsibility
and pray for God's pardon.**

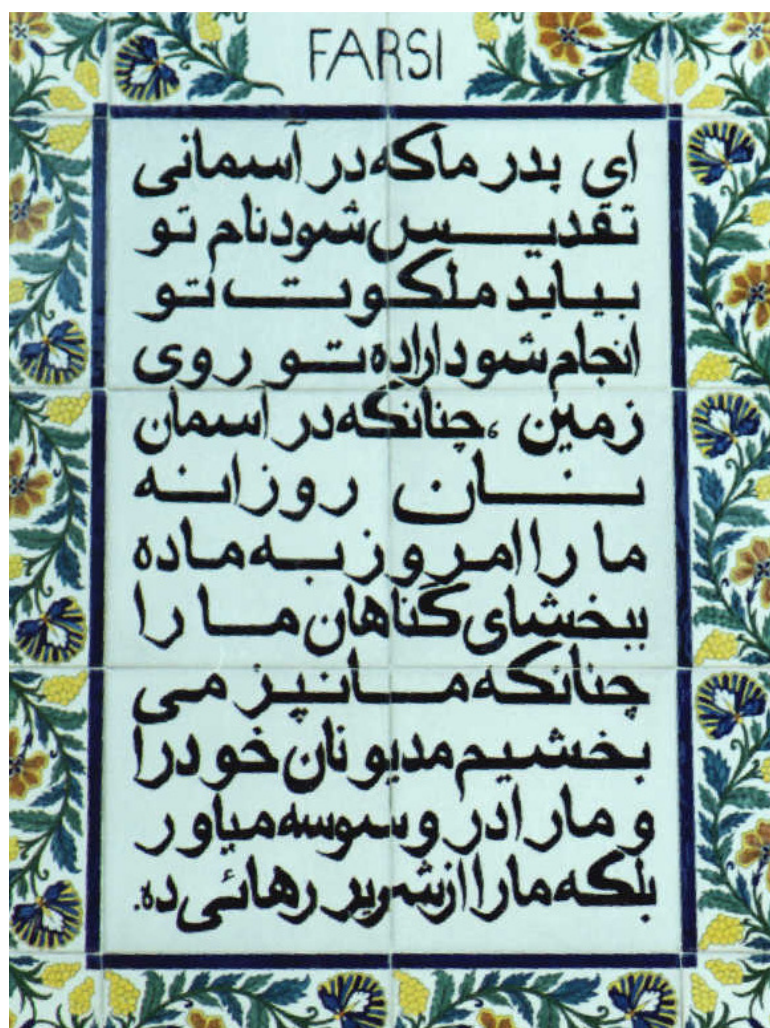
Presider: Faithful God,
Remind us of your love and healing power.
Forgive us that we may forgive one another.
Renew us so that when we fail, we may
begin again. Amen.

*(Adapted from Book of Alternative Services and Iona
Community Worship Book 2011)*

Lord's Prayer:

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us
pray, in the language of our
hearts, as we say:

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.



Presider:

All:

Glory to God,

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.

Christmas Blessing: Rev Sharon

Closing Carol: I Am the Light of the World

Refrain:

I am the light of the world

You people come and follow me

If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery

Of what you were meant to do and be

When the song of the angels is stilled

When the star in the sky is gone

When the kings and the shepherds

Have found their way home

The work of Christmas is begun (Refrain)

To find the lost and lonely one

To heal the broken soul with love

To feed the hungry children

With warmth and good food

To feel the earth below the sky above (Refrain)

Closing Carol: I Am the Light of the World

Refrain:

I am the light of the world
You people come and follow
me

If you follow and love you'll
learn the mystery
Of what you were meant to do
and be

To free the pris'ner from all chains
To make the powerful care
To rebuild the nations
With strength of good will
To see God's children ev'rywhere Refrain)

To bring hope to ev'ry task you do
To dance at a baby's new birth
To make music in an old person's heart
And sing to the colors of the earth (Refrain)

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Dismissal

Presider: Go now in peace to love and serve the Christ Child.

People: Thanks to be God!





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