

Archbishop & Metropolitan – The Most Rev. Dr. Lynne McNaughton
Diocese of New Westminster – Bishop: The Right Reverend John Stephens

Welcome to St. Clement's Anglican Church



**The First Sunday after Christmas
December 26th 2021
A service of Lessons and Carols**

The Gathering of the Community *stand*

Presider In this time and place

We gather on the unceded ancestral lands of the Squamish, Musqueam and Tsleil-Watuth nations

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

Presider In this time and place

We await the coming of Emmanuel, God with us

All Maranatha, Come Christ Come.

Presider In this time and place

We await God's transformation of the world.

All Maranatha, Come Christ Come.

Presider In this time and place

We await the coming of the Commonwealth of peace.

All Maranatha, Come Christ Come.

Presider In this time and place

we commit ourselves to work with Christ
that all these things may be accomplished.

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

Following the ringing of the bell, a moment of silence is kept

The Collect

Presider Let us pray

Almighty God,

**All you have shone upon us the new light of your incarnate Word.
May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

At the conclusion of each Reading, the Reader says Thanks be to God

First Lesson: Genesis 3 : 8 – 15, 17 – 19

Clara Yong

Carol: Creator of the Stars of Night

- 1 Creator of the stars of night,
Your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,
we pray you hear us when we call.
- 2 In sorrow at the helpless cry,
Of all Creation doomed to die,
You came, O Saviour, to set free,
Your own, in glorious liberty.
- 3 At your great name, O Jesus, now
all knees must bend, all hearts must bow;
All things on earth with one accord,
like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.
- 4 Come in your holy might, we pray,
redeem us for eternal day;
defend us while we dwell below
from all assaults of our dread foe.
- 5 To God Creator, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, three in one,
praise, honour, might and glory be
from age to age eternally.

*Text: Conditor alme siderum, Latin 9thC; tr. The Hymnal 1982, ©1985, The Church Pension Fund
Music: acc. Gerard Farrell, OSB. b/ 1919 ©1986 GIA Publications, Inc.*

Second Lesson: Genesis 22 : 15 – 18

Lynne Graham

Carol: God's Surprise

- 1 Who would think that what was needed to transform and save the earth
Might not be a plan or army, proud in purpose, proved in worth?
Who would think, despite derision, that a child should lead the way?
God surprises earth with heaven, coming here on Christmas Day.
- 2 Shepherds watch and wise men wonder, monarchs scorn and angels sing;
Such a place as none would reckon hosts a holy helpless thing;
Stable beasts and by-passed strangers watch a baby laid in hay:
God surprises earth with heaven coming here on Christmas Day.
- 3 Centuries of skill and science span the past from which we move,
Yet experience questions whether, with such progress, we improve.
While the human lot we ponder, lest our hopes and humour fray,
God surprises earth with heaven coming here on Christmas Day.

Text: John L Bell, b. 1949; / Tune: SCARLET RIBBONS, 8 7 8 7 D; English traditional; arr, by John L. Bell, b. 1949 ©1987 WGRG, Iona Community, Govan, Glasgow. G51 3UU, Scotland

Third Lesson: Isaiah 9 : 2, 6, 7

Donna Burdick

Carol #120 O little town of Bethlehem

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.

For Christ is born of Mary; and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all the earth.

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.

*Refrain: My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears,
For the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn.*

2 Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me.
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn.

3 From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

4 Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around. *Refrain*

*Paraphrase of Luke 1:46-58 (Magnificat); Words: Rory Cooney (1990);
Music: STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN (Irish Traditional Folk Song)*

Sixth Lesson: Luke 2 : 1 – 7

Ian Thomas

Carol #137 What Child is this?

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 Shepherd guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.*

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*

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, King, to own him.
The King of kings Salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837 – 1898) / Music: English trad.; arr. Christmas Carols New and Old, 1871, alt.

Seventh Lesson: Luke 2 : 8 – 14

Wilna Parry

Carol #146 'Twas in the moon of Wintertime

'Twas in the moon of wintertime, when all the birds had fled,
that mighty Gitche Manitou sent angel choirs instead;
before their light the stars grew dim, and wandering hunters heard the hymn:

*Refrain: Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,
In excelsis gloria.*

Within a lodge of broken bark the tender Babe was found;
a ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapped his beauty round.
But as the hunter braves drew nigh, the angel song rang loud and high: *Refrain*

The earliest moon of wintertime is not so round and fair
as was the ring of glory on the helpless infant there.
The chiefs from far before him knelt with gifts of fox and beaver pelt. *Refrain*

O children of the forest free, beloved of Manitou,
the holy child of earth and heaven is born today for you.

Come kneel before the radiant boy, who brings you beauty, peace and joy. *Ref.*

Text: Jean de Brebeuf (1593-1649); tr. Jesse Edgar Middleton (1872-1960), alt. Tr. ©The Frederick Harris Music Co. Ltd.

Music: French trad. (16th cent.); harm. Frederick F Jackisch (1922 -).

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Carol #124 Stay my Child, my body sharing

Stay my child, my body sharing. Girlhood's peace from me is torn;
well I know a mother's fearing, hope miscarried, joy stillborn.
Lullaby, lullaby, God has heard a mother's cry, lullaby.

Grow, my child, in body chosen by the God who made the earth;
mine the answer, in confusion, young, unready to give birth.
Lullaby, lullaby, God awaits a baby's cry, lullaby.

Sleep, my child, for love surrounds us; we have not been left alone.
Though disgrace and shame may hound us, Joseph stays and shields his own.
Lullaby, lullaby, Word of God in baby's cry, lullaby.

Wake, my child; the world is crying, calls you, evil's power to cross;
opens you to early dying, motherhood's most dreaded loss.
Lullaby, lullaby, pain of God in mother's cry, lullaby.

Go, my child, God's grace protect you, shape your living, fill your breath;
by its power to resurrect you, break the grip of fear and death.
Lullaby, lullaby, hope for all in mother's cry, lullaby.

Text: Anna Briggs (1947 -) / Music: Daniel Charles Damon (1955 -). Text & Music ©1992 Hope Publishing Co.

Carol #132 Of eternal love begotten

Of eternal Love begotten ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are and have been, and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore.

At his Word the worlds were framed. He commanded, it was done:
heaven and earth and depths of ocean in their threefold order one;
all that grows beneath the shining of the moon and burning sun,
evermore and evermore.

O that birth forever blessed, when the virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bare the Saviour of our race,
and the babe, the world's redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore.

This is he whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord,
whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful Word;
now he shines, the long expected; let creation praise its Lord,
evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heaven, adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing;
all dominions, how before him, and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore.

Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be,
honour, glory, and dominion and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore.

Text: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348 – 413?); tr. John Mason Neale (1818 – 1866), alt.

Music: Plainsong, Mode 8 (12th C?) adapt. Piae Cantiones, 1582; harm. Healey Willan (1880 – 1968).

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Closing Prayer

Blessing

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the Magi, the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ-child be ours this Christmas;
and the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer
Be with us all this day and forever.

Amen.

Deacon Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.

All **Glory, thanks and praise to God.**

A note of thanks to all our Readers this morning – thank you for volunteering.

Readings for Sunday, January 2nd 2022

Isaiah 60 : 1 – 6 / Psalm 72 : 1 – 7, 10 – 14 / Ephesians 3 : 1 – 12 / Matthew 2 : 1 - 12

Pastoral Care:

Any matters of pastoral care should be referred to The Rev. Helen Dunn at 236-888-4938 or helen@stclementschurch.ca .

Please let the clergy know if you or a family member is in hospital.

Sides-people: Gordon Graham and a volunteer

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Prayers *The following are for your prayers this week*

In our own Diocese: Pray for John, our Bishop; for Stephen, Archdeacon; and Patrick, Regional Dean; for the North Vancouver Regional Ministry Team and churches. For the Parishes of St John the Evangelist, North Vancouver; St Stephen the Martyr, Burnaby; St Stephen, West Vancouver. For Linda, our Primate; Lynne, Archbishop and Metropolitan; and for Mark, the National Indigenous Archbishop.

For the wider Church: For the peace of Jerusalem and The Middle East. For Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America. We pray for the clergy and people in the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines, specifically for our partner Parish of St Clement of Alexandria, Payeo, in their ministry and mission. For all Pastors/Priests and congregations of other denominations in Lynn Valley.

In our Parish community: for Helen, our priest; Elizabeth and Peggy, our Deacons; for the Wardens, Deborah, and Philip. For the staff: Lynley and Yvonne; and Lay Leaders: Ian Thomas, Maddy, Mike and Delayne. For the Youth and Children's ministries – leader/teachers, children, teens.

In our parish cycle of prayer: for Jeanette & Larry Terrace; Ian Thomas; Art & Linda Tinker; and their families.

For healing: Pray for Barry; Beth Bailey; Betty Downing; Brita; Caitlin; Christina; Marion; Fiona; Michael Jeffries; Lachlan Keir; Lynda Mills; Carol Norwood; Judy; Vanessa; Maryam Zamani; for their families and carers.

For Outreach: for all newcomers to Canada: Please pray for Saber in his new career as a barber and for his mother, Amina. Pray also for Qods (*pronounced Coo-dus*) as she continues to study at UBC. We also pray for Shahla as she waits for the next step in her sponsorship. Remember Honada, Said and family; Bukhari; Neema Grace, (at Laurentian University); Malis (*pronounced Ma-lees*) & his family; for Fatemeh and Nasrullah; for Nazrin & family. For the community groups which use our building.

Pray especially for people here in BC where flood waters have destroyed many towns, homes, farms, and infrastructure.

Pray for all Healthcare workers.

Pray for all the people of Afghanistan, especially those who are vulnerable and at risk under the Taliban regime, for all Christians, and for women and children. Pray too for the Taliban leaders that they would change from oppressive dictatorship to being more democratic and tolerant. Pray for all people around the world dealing with the dangers of volcanoes, floods, earthquakes, and fires.