

The Nativity of Our Lord
**The First Sunday
of Christmas**



December 26, 2021, 10:00 am

A PARISH OF THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER

The Right Reverend John Stephens, Bishop

The Reverend Lorne Manweiler, Rector

Welcome!

*We're glad
you're here!*

We are happy and honoured that you've joined us this morning—whether in-person or online via Facebook and the parish website. If you need a place to take a break with your child, a nursery area is available. Washrooms are available on the main level of the church. Please ask a sidesperson or your neighbour if you have questions or need assistance. You're warmly invited to join us for refreshments in the parish hall following the service.

The Holy Eucharist

Book of Alternative Services, pp. 185 ff.

- The Gathering of the Community -

Prelude

"Noel Provencal"

P.Candeille (1800's)

Welcome

Processional Hymn CP 156 – *"The People That in Darkness Sat"*

Verses

Isaiah 9:6 KJV

Celebrant For unto us a child is born,
People **unto us a son is given;**
Celebrant and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
People **and his name shall be called "Wonderful,**
Celebrant Counselor,
People **The Mighty God,**
Celebrant The everlasting Father,
All **The Prince of Peace."**

Acknowledgement

Celebrant We begin by acknowledging that we live, work, play, and worship on the traditional and unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples

including the x^wməθkwəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and Səlílwətaʔ (Tseil-Waututh) Nations.

All **May our words and our actions reflect our awareness and appreciation of this.**

A moment of silence for reflection is kept.

Gloria in Excelsis CP 366 – “Glory, in the Highest Glory”

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Almighty God, you have shed 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.

All **Amen.**

- The Proclamation of the Word -

Old Testament 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

read by Janet Brown

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord"; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people. *NRSV*

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148

Celebrant Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

People **Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host.**

Celebrant Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

People **Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

Celebrant Let them praise the name of the Lord; for he commanded, and they were created.

People **He made them stand fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

Celebrant Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps;

People **Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

Celebrant Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

People **Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;**

Celebrant Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

People **Young men and maidens, old and young together.**

All Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name only is exalted, his splendour is over earth and heaven.

Second Reading Colossians 3:12-17

read by Janet Brown

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. NRSV

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Hymn CP 155 – “From East to West, from Shore to Shore” v1& 7

The Holy Gospel Luke 2:41-52

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now every year [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Celebrant The Gospel of Christ.
People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon *The Reverend Lorne Manweiler, Rector*

Affirmation of Faith – The Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,
**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**
**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made human.**
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the Community

Pat Brandon, Intercessor

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,

All We confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Preparation of the Gifts and Offertory Hymn

CP 145 – “Good King Wenceslas”

- The Celebration of the Eucharist -

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God of light, in the birth of your Son we see your glory. May we who share in this mystery grow daily in your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

BAS, Eucharistic Prayer 3

Celebrant The Lord be with you

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the mystery of his incarnation was made perfect man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary, his mother; in him we have seen a new and radiant vision of your glory. Therefore with all the angels of heaven, we lift our voices and sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name, evermore praising you and singing:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God by high-est hosts a - dored,
Sing ho - san - na, saints a - bove, with the an - gels sing God's love.

heav'n and earth Your glo - ry sing; With them we our prais - es bring.
Bless-ed He, the com - ing One, God the Fa-ther's on - ly Son.

Refrain

Glo - ri - a
in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - ri - a
ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All

we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with [all your children,] your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
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 forever.
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.**

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Some helps regarding Communion at St. Philip's during COVID-19:

- Please follow the direction of the ushers to come forward for Communion;*

- *the bread, the body of Christ, is offered at this time so that we all can more safely celebrate the Eucharist together; temporarily, the priest receives the wine, Christ's blood, from the chalice, on behalf of God's people;*
- *hand sanitizer should be used before communing and is available as you come forward;*
- *please commune individually or in your cohort group to ensure safer physical distancing.*

Agnus Dei

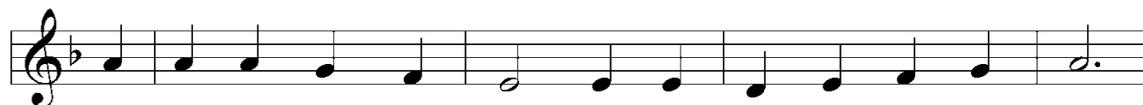
tune: CP 120



Lord Je - sus, ho - ly Lamb of God, You take our sins a - way;



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We who are gath - ered here now Ask peace for all the earth;



Grant Christ-mas peace to one and all, And heav'n - ly joy and mirth.

The Distribution – Hymns and Music

Hymn CP 71 – “Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts”

Hymn CP 72 – “Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed”

Nunc Dimittis

tune: CP 137



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant go, Your gra - cious prom - ise
2 All thanks and praise to You, O Lord, O Light for all the



keep - ing. My eyes have seen Sal - va - tion here, My
liv - ing; For Jew and Gen - tile, one and all, Your -



heart for joy is leap - ing. This, this is
self for us are giv - ing. This, this is



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
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Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All Amen.

Parish Announcements

- Sending the Community Forward into the World -

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.

Blessing and Benediction

Celebrant May the Father,
who has loved the eternal Son
from before the foundation of the world,
shed that love upon you, the beloved children of God.

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

Celebrant 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 CP 153 – “Good Christians All Rejoice”

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go forth in the name of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude “Noel with Variations”

C.L. Balbastre (1729-1798)

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Notices for First Sunday of Christmas, Dec 26, 2021

DATES TO NOTE

Sun Dec 26	First Sunday of Christmas Worship at 10 am Our worship is also found online, live at 10 am, or recorded for later. https://www.stphilipsdunbar.com https://www.facebook.com/stphilipsanglicandunbar
Coffee Time	Cancelled
Sun Jan 2	Second Sunday of Christmas worship at 10 am

Wed Jan 12	The next Prayer, Care and Share with Lorne on Wednesdays at 10 AM https://zoom.us/j/2939572088
Dec 27 - Jan 4th	Office Closed! Happy Holidays!

“GROWING TOGETHER” - STEWARDSHIP 2022

Stewardship Campaign

A big thank you to everyone who worked on the Stewardship campaign this year; to Angharad Moorcroft, Glenn Sutherland, Michael McKenzie and Carol Simpson who spoke so movingly about what St Philip’s means to them and to Debbie Matheson and Don Thompson for all their contributions.

Thank you to everyone who has submitted a pledge for next year. If you are planning to contribute **please do so by the end of December!**

COVID PROTOCOLS AT ST PHILIP’S

In addition to already-established measures like distancing, wearing a mask and sanitizing hands, vaccine passports and government identification must be presented to the greeters by those aged 12 and over before admission to all worship services and events. Those with valid medical exemptions from vaccination will need to present appropriate medical documentation to the Rector. We continue to livestream our worship for those who, for whatever reason, are not ready or able to return in person. If you have concerns or questions, please ask to speak to Lorne or a Warden.

GREETERS

Expect to be warmly welcomed at the door by a member of the Parish Council. We kindly request that you have your vaccine passport and ID ready as you approach the church in order to prevent long line-ups during cold wet weather.

Greeters may also orient newcomers to St Philip’s, invite them to coffee, and introduce them to someone. Let’s ALL act like Greeters. Newcomers, we are glad to see you!

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers at this time: Min Rundle, Ann Ringgold, Billy, Brenda, Nassrin, Greg, Brian Wooding, Doris Menoche, Sean, Katherine, James, and Allia Moore and their family, Tom and Rosie, Mike and Rob, the Hatch family, Veronica, Chris and Caroline, Peralea and Ignacio, and of course all those who work in Health Care.

Please pray for all those mourning recent losses. Let us pray for those who have died recently, remembering especially Ursula Bell, Ronald Hatch and Reverend Richard Johns.

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR

The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving from Melinda and Joan Rundle and Family.

If anyone would like to make a donation towards the church flowers in thanksgiving of a Birthday, Anniversary, or In Memory of a loved one, please contact the office. All donations are most appreciated.

IT’S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS

Please send us your best photos of what the Christmas season looks like at your place. A selection of photos will be used to brighten St Philip’s Facebook page with light, colour, and anticipation. Send photos to lorne@stpdunbar.com

Last word on the Christmas Hampers Project from your Outreach Committee:

Good news bears repeating : All 43 Hampers (gift card offerings for both groceries and gifts) were safely delivered to 3 East side elementary schools on Monday, Dec. 13 :

10 Hampers to Queen Alexandra School; 10 Hampers to Nightingale Elementary and 23 extra Hampers to Mt Pleasant Elementary. St Philip's has supported Qn. Alex and Nightingale for many years. This year though St Philip's was able to respond on a ' one time only basis' with 23 additional hampers to Mt Pleasant Elementary . The school staff was ecstatic ! The very generous donations of 2 new-to-St P families was greatly responsible for our ability to respond . We are most grateful to all parishioners for their selfless generosity . Sandy Harrison and Joanne Vondette, Outreach Committee members.

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

St Philip’s sent a team out with bags packed full of Christmas cheer last weekend. Thanks to the many donations from our wonderful community, we sent out extra cans of meat/fish, extra ensure, bars of chocolate, McDonald’s gift cards and new waterproof gloves. This is all in addition to the sandwiches & chocolate chip cookies (thanks to Katie), hard boiled eggs & fruit (thanks to Joanne) and the

food packets (thanks to Sophia for putting them together) that we normally send. They also handed out warm coats, sleeping bags and sleeping mats.

Please say an extra prayer for our vulnerable friends and neighbours as the temperatures are due to plummet this next week.

A group of volunteers from the four parishes prepared and served a Christmas brunch at Dunbar apartments. The residents had their fill of ham, turkey, pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, potatoes, cookies and fruit. Everyone was grateful that the meal was able to go ahead, it's our first time back there since the pandemic began and it was a holiday treat for everyone.

Full reports of both the outing and the meal at Dunbar Apartments will be on our website in the coming week.

KNEELERS

Parish Council wants to know if you feel strongly that you would like to have a kneeler available to you to use in worship. Please send your thoughts to Michael Vondette (mjvondette@gmail.com) who is researching the need.

Please copy to Lorne as chair of Parish Council. lorne@stpdunbar.com We want to hear your thoughts and wishes!

DEADLINE FOR THE BULLETIN

We include the Bulletin in the Order of Service. If you have information you would like included in the bulletin, please let Tiffany Ho (manager@stpdunbar.com) have the information **before NOON on Wednesdays.**

Communicate With Us

Thank you to all who have sent us questions, suggestions, reminders, and support. Please communicate with us about issues of interest to you.

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