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December 24, 2023

**Christmas Eve Service—10 pm**



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**December 24, 2023—Christmas Eve 10 pm**

**Processional Hymn: CP 118 O Come All Ye Faithful**

**Welcome**

*Land Acknowledgement*

**Sentence:**

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**

Celebrant:

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

**People: And also with you.**

*Blessing of the Crèche Hymn—CP368 He Came Down*

*The Crèche*

“As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, we pause to bless this Christmas manger scene. The practice of erecting such mangers was begun by Saint Francis of Assisi as a means to set forth the message of Christmas. When we look upon these figures, the Christmas Gospel comes alive and we are moved to rejoice in the mystery of the incarnation of the Son of God.”

**Confession and Absolution**

Celebrant:

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

*Silence is kept.*

Celebrant: 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.

**People: Amen.**

*Silence is kept.*

**Collect for Purity**

Almighty God,

**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.**

*Collect of the Day:*

**Celebrant:**

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.

### **The Proclamation of the Word**

Let us listen for the Word of God in Holy Scripture.

**First Reading**      [Isaiah 9: 2-7](#)

**Psalm**                Psalm 96, Page 834

**Second Reading** [Titus 2: 11-14](#)

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia! Lord and Saviour: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**Gospel**                [Luke 2: 1-14](#)

Celebrant: God is 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.**

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia**

### **Sermon**

### **Affirmation of Faith (Nicene Creed)**

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**All: 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 man.  
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**

## Prayers of the People

### The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### Offertory Hymn: CP 154 Joy to the World

Celebrant: Thanks be to you,

**All: Lord Jesus Christ,**

**for all the benefits you have given us,**

**and all that you have borne for us.**

**In our sharing in this Eucharist,**

**in Church or at home,**

**we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts.**

**O most merciful redeemer,**

**friend and brother,**

**may we know you more clearly,**

**love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly,**

**day by day.**

**Amen.**

*St. John The Divine Anglican Church, Victoria B.C.,*

*Alastair Singh- McCollum*

Let us pray.

### ***Prayer over the Gifts***

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.

Celebrant:

The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: 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.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer—Christmas**

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.

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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;  
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.

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

**Lamb of God:**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world  
Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you are God's word of promise made flesh  
Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world  
Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.**

**Distribution Hymns :**

**CP 117 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming  
CP 121 O Little Town of Bethlehem  
CP 123 Once in Royal David's City**

**Prayer after Communion:**

**Father of all,  
tonight you have united earth and heaven  
in sending your Son to take our human nature.  
May we who have tasted heavenly things  
share in the life of his eternal kingdom.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**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,  
Forever and ever.  
Amen.**

**Blessing**

**Announcements**

**Recessional Hymn: CP 119 Silent Night**

## Dismissal

LA: Go in peace to love and serve our living God.

**All: Thanks be to God**

## Parish Happenings

- **Office hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9-1  
⇒ **NOTE: The church office will be closed from Dec 24 to Jan 2.**
- **Coffee Hour:** Every Monday 10 am, St. Matthew's room. Also on Zoom (**no coffee hour Dec 25 or Jan 1**)
- **Prayer Chain** meeting is the first Wednesday of every month at 10:30. The next meeting is January 3, 2024
- **Midweek Eucharists:** all are welcome, please join us:  
Wednesday—Midweek Eucharist 12:30  
Thursday – Meditative Eucharist 12:30  
(*Mid week services will continue throughout the Christmas Season*)
- **ACW Gathering** Every Friday 10 am in the library
- **Mindfulness Group:** Every Wednesday in the library at 3:30. (*Note that Mindfulness will only be on Zoom for the Christmas Season*)

## Announcements

- If you have an announcement for the bulletin, email or phone the church office.
- **Prayer Chain Requests?** Email the Prayer Chain if you have a prayer request [prayerchain@stpeterscampbellriver.com](mailto:prayerchain@stpeterscampbellriver.com). There is also box in the Narthex where you may leave a prayer message. Prayers will be offered for one month, if you wish longer, please contact the Prayer Chain.
- **December 25 Christmas Day Service** 10 a.m.
- **December 25 Christmas Dinner in the Hall at 5 p.m.**
- **December 31 Service of Lessons and Carols**

Blood Donor Clinics—Campbell River

Thunderbird Hall—1420 Weiwaikum Road December 26-28

Tuesday 12:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Wednesday 10:30 am to 6:30 pm

Thursday 12:00 pm to 6:30 pm

# **WELCOME!**

## **Parish Staff and Leaders**

Rector's Warden: Lois Tirebuck  
People's Warden: Pauline Woods  
Deputy Wardens: Frank Maga and Tony Smith  
Treasurer: Holly Finn  
Church Administrator:  
Musicians: Georgia Smith, Kate Fitzsimmons, and Lori Gooldrup  
Custodian: Janice Kozak  
Prayer Chain: Sue Vickery  
Communications Director: Trina Soltys  
Envelope Secretary: Frank Maga  
Healing Prayer Ministry: Sue Vickery  
Lay Assistants and Readers: Pauline Woods  
Mindfulness: Jane Jennings  
Coffee Monday: Jennifer Coolen  
Librarian: Jane Jennings  
Safe Church: Andrea Charlton  
PWRDF Rep: Barb Henshall  
Building: George Wagner  
ACW: Bev Lawrence  
Sidesperson: Pam Hedderson  
Zoom master : Tony Smith

*The parish of St Peter Anglican Church and St Saviour Anglican Church is located on the unceded, traditional territory of the Ligwi'da'xw people: the We Wai Kai, Wei Wai Kum, and Kwiakah First Nations; the unceded traditional territory of the Klahoose First Nation; the unceded traditional territory of the K'omoks First Nation and the unceded traditional territory of the Homalco First Nation. We seek a new relationship with the first peoples here; one based on honour and respect. We pray that we may live more deeply into the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.*