

# Welcome to St Timothy's



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent

December 11, 2011

### 8 am Holy Eucharist

**Presider**, The Reverend Canon Greg Symmes

**Liturgy** Book of Common Prayer, Liturgy Green Book p230

**Scripture readings** see the 10 am service

**Psalm: 126** Green Book p885

### 10 am Holy Eucharist

**Presider**, The Reverend Canon Greg Symmes

**Master of Ceremonies**, Linda Gutteridge, June Jefford

**Greeters**, Andrew Preston, Kurt Tiltack, Gordon Hendra

**Communion Assistants**, Ann Nurse, Joanna White, Anne DeGrasse, Elizabeth Potts

**Servers**, Christie Stevenson, Gillian Robinson, Ann Nurse

**Music**, New Plainsong Mass, David Hurd

## Welcome to St Timothy's

We're glad you're here! At the 10 am service, there's a Nursery for babies & toddlers (up the west aisle of the church into the parish hall); if you wish to leave your child in the nursery, we can provide you with a pager, in case we need to reach you. The west chapel is also a place for parents with young children to sit with strollers, if you prefer not to take your child to the nursery. We have Sunday School for children from age three through twelve, and our youth group meets once a month. Parents are welcome to pick up younger children from church school or the nursery for communion, otherwise they should pick them up as soon as the church service is over. Hearing assist devices are available at the back of the church.

## The Gathering of the Community

### Prelude

**Hymn 98** 'Hark the Glad Sound! The Saviour Comes' Bristol

Theme of the day

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

**People:** **And also with you.**

### The Collect of the day

**All:** God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he

**comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **The Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Third Sunday of Advent**

Reader: Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'

**All: Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly.**

Reader: The Sovereign Lord has filled me with his spirit. He has chosen me to bring good news to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted, to announce release to captives and freedom to those in prison. He has sent me to proclaim that the time has come when the Lord will save his people.

Reader: We light this candle to remind us of our task in preparing our world for the coming of the Messiah. We are also called to be prophets who will relieve suffering, promote justice, and bring hope to those who live without light and love.

*The third candle is lit.*

Reader: Let us pray.

Father, you called us to share in Christ's ministry to a troubled world. Fill us with your Spirit, so that we may faithfully proclaim your Word in all that we say and do, until your kingdom comes upon the earth.

**All: Amen.**

**Announcement:** Our Faith, Our Hope Re-Imagine Church

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

**A reading from Isaiah**

Bob Hendershot

<sup>1</sup>The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the broken-hearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
<sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
<sup>3</sup> to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.  
<sup>4</sup> They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.  
<sup>8</sup> For I the LORD love justice,  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.  
<sup>9</sup> Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge  
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

<sup>10</sup> I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>11</sup> For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

*Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11*

*Silence is kept for reflection*

**Reader:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**A reading from 1 Thessalonians**

Anne DeGrasse

<sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Do not despise the words of prophets, <sup>21</sup>but test everything; hold fast to what is good; <sup>22</sup>abstain from every form of evil.

<sup>23</sup> May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*

*Silence is kept for reflection*

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 94** 'Wait for the Lord, Whose Day Is Near' (Ibid)

*(Sing 3 times)*

**The Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28** *please turn to the reader*

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

<sup>19</sup> This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' <sup>20</sup>He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' <sup>21</sup>And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' <sup>22</sup>Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' <sup>23</sup>He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord" ', as the prophet Isaiah said.

<sup>24</sup> Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. <sup>25</sup>They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' <sup>26</sup>John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, <sup>27</sup>the one

who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' <sup>28</sup>This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Hymn 94** (*Sing 3 times*)

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Canon Greg Symmes

*Silence is kept for reflection*

**Anthem** This is the Record of John Orlando Gibbons  
*Karen Scovell, mezzo-soprano*

This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who art thou?" And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly, "I am not the Christ."

And they asked him, "What art thou then? Art thou Elias?" And he said, "I am not." "Art thou the prophet?" And he answered, "No."

Then said they unto him, "What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?" And he said, "I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord."

~John 1:19-23~

*The service continues in the Book of Alternative Services*

<b>The Apostles' Creed</b>	Page 189
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Alan Flint
<b>Confession and Absolution</b>	Page 191
<b>The Peace</b>	Page 192

## **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

### *Passing the Plate*

*Many of our parishioners choose to make their financial contribution to the Church via pre-authorized giving and, as a result do not put anything on the Offering Plate when it is passed around. For information about this contact the church office. We understand that our offerings to God involve more than money.*

**Offertory Hymn 103 'On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry'**  
Winchester New

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving for: Our Faith, Our Hope, Re-imagine Church**

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: we give you thanks for all who have prayerfully considered our program, Our Faith, Our Hope, Re-Imagine Church. Send your Holy Spirit to renew and enkindle in us the fire of your joy.

Accept all we offer you this day, may it strengthen our ministry and empower us with resources to meet the challenges of the future. In gratitude we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Prayer over the gifts**

**All: God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Eucharistic Prayer#3** Page 198

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord** Hymn #689

**The Lord's Prayer** Page 211/918

**The Breaking of the Bread#5** Page 212

**Invitation to Communion** Page 213

**Lamb of God** Hymn #690

**Communion** *Baptized Christians, of all denominations and ages, are invited and encouraged to share with us in communion. If you will not be receiving the bread and wine, we'd be pleased to bless you if you would join us at the High Altar. All are welcome.*

*Gluten-free communion is available for those who require it. When you come forward to the Altar, please ask one of the clergy or communion assistants who are distributing the bread and wine.*

**Communion Hymns**

**627 'The Voice of God Goes Out'** Sheldonian

**631 'The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy'** Paderborn

## **Prayers after Communion**

**All: Merciful God, may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever. Amen.**

**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.**

## **The Blessing**

## **Community Notices**

**Hymn 109 'When the King Shall Come Again'**

**Tempus Adest Floridum**

## **The Dismissal**

**Page 215**

## **Postlude**

**A warm welcome is extended especially to all visitors and newcomers. Your hosts today are Mary Ann and Lynn Loach.**

**The flowers today are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of our son Peter, by Dave and Marian Fielding.**

## **This Week at St Timothy's**

Thurs 7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

## **Next Sunday, December 18, 2011 - Advent 4**

8 am Eucharist

10 am Eucharist (1985 Rite)

Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16; Psalm: Canticle 18;  
Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

**Please remember in your prayers this week:**

**The Anglican Church of Canada:** Fred our Primate; Colin our Metropolitan and Diocesan Bishop; Patrick our Area Bishop; Greg our Rector; Maggie our Assistant Curate; The Work of the ACW  
**Outreach Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Appeal, which supports mission work and ministry in Canada's North and with our church partners overseas. The Anglican United Refugee Alliance, and its work in assisting churches to sponsor refugees, educating the public about refugee issues, and lobbying government to enact just refugee policies.

**Our Community:** St. Ansgar Lutheran Church

**Our Parish:** Geoffrey & Mary Ellen Curtis; Susan Daly; David Danischewsky & Marilyn Mazurek; Norma Davis; John Day (Jen, Jackie)

**Those celebrating birthdays:** Jackie Bryden; Sean Glover; Jennifer McLaren; Jane Dickinson; Anne Fair; Christopher Comparey; Barbara French; Mayumi Lashbrook

**Those in need** Adrian; Paul & Ellen; Bruce Williams; Robin Crocker; Ian; Cathie Jean; Ken; Matthew Thorpe; Ted Sawchuk; Sharon; Doris Moffatt; Monty Stapleton; Maria; Landon; George; Dave; Cherie; Judith; Margaret Hall; Pat Irons; Joan Devlin; Gini Hunter; Joan Hopkins; Helen Minshull

