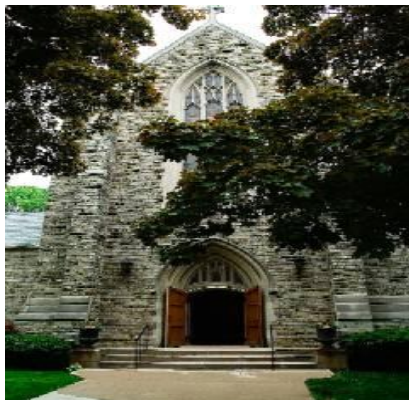


Welcome to St Timothy's



4th Sunday in Advent

December 18, 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: Canticle 18a Green Book p86

10 am Holy Eucharist

Presider, The Reverend Canon Greg Symmes

Preacher, The Right Reverend Ann Tottenham

Master of Ceremonies, Rosina Warton

Greeters, Bea Wilson, Alan & Frances Flint

Communion Assistants, Elizabeth Potts, Sydney Liburd, George Goodwin, Carol Stittle

Servers, Sydney Liburd, Linda Gutteridge, John Holden

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 656 'She Comes Sailing on the Wind' She Flies On
(Vs. 1 - 3, refrain after each verse)

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: Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Fourth 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 angel said to her, "Don't be afraid. Mary; God has been gracious to you. You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God. The Lord God will make him a king, as his ancestor David was, and he will be the king of the descendants of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end!

Reader: We light this candle to remind us of Mary, who was willing, first of all people, to let the light of the Lord shine through her and bring the Saviour to the world. Because of her faithfulness, and love, Jesus, the Messiah, was born to us.

The fourth candle is lit.

Reader: Let us pray.

Father, you called Mary to be the mother of your Son, so that the world could be saved and brought to new birth. Help us also bring the light of Christ to birth wherever there is darkness and despair, and to work for the coming of your kingdom.

All: Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

A reading from 2 Samuel

Janet Gordon

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' ³Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.'

⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so

that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

2 Samuel 7:1-11,16

Silence is kept for reflection

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A reading from Romans

Norma Davis

²⁵ Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— ²⁷to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom* be the glory for ever! Amen.

Romans 16:25-27

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: Luke 1:26-38 *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 Luke.

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

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' ³⁴Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' ³⁵The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God.' ³⁸Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

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 Right Reverend Ann Tottenham

Silence is kept for reflection

Trio Suscepit Israel (from *Magnificat* BWV 243) J. S. Bach
Dimitria Korakis & Rosie Mallett, sopranos
Karen Scovell, mezzo-soprano

Suscepit Israel puerum suum recordatus misericordiae suae.
He has taken under his protection Israel his child, and remembered his mercy.

The service continues in the Book of Alternative Services

The Apostles' Creed Page 189

Prayers of the People Anne Seymour

Confession and Absolution Page 191

The Peace 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 363 'My Soul Proclaims Your Glory, Lord'
Duke Street

Prayer over the gifts

All: Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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

90 'How the World Longs for Your Birth'

Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland

117 'Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming'

Es Ist Ein' Ros

Prayers after Communion

All: Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. 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 'Sing of Mary' (*tune Common Praise #246*) In Babilone

Sing of Mary, pure and lowly, maiden mother, wise and mild.
Sing of God's own Son most holy, who became her little child.
Fairest child of fairest mother, God the Lord who came to earth,
Word made flesh, our very brother, takes our nature by his birth.

Joyful mother, full of gladness, in thine arms thy Lord was borne.
Mournful mother, full of sadness, all thy heart with pain was torn.
Glorious mother, now rewarded with a crown at Jesus' hand,
Age to age thy name recorded shall be blest in every land.

Glory be to God the Father; glory be to God the Son;
Glory be to God the Spirit; glory to the Three-in-One.
From the heart of blessed Mary, from all saints, the song ascends,
And the church the strain re-echoes unto earth's remotest ends.

Postlude

**A warm welcome is extended especially
to all visitors and newcomers. Your host
today is the Dominy Family.**

**The flowers today are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of my mother Earline Shaw
by Gloria Shaw.**

This Week at St Timothy's

Thurs 7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Next Sunday, December 25, 2011 - The Nativity of our Lord

8 am Eucharist

10 am Eucharist (1985 Rite)

Readings: Isaiah 9:2-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:8-20; Psalm 96

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 raising up of Vocations

Outreach Cycle of Prayer: Beverley Lodge, a LOFT residence for homeless young men, and its programs of counselling, social and recreation activities, skills development, and advocacy. The Parish of Bobcaygeon, its support of the Community Foodbank and Community Health Cabinet, parish nurse initiative, outreach breakfast, youth programs, and housing justice board.

Our Community: St. Leonard's Anglican Church

Our Parish: Joseph & Cheryl Debus (Carson, Jonathon, Harrison); David & Anne DeGrasse (Geoff, Adam); Alan & Sandy Dennis (Jessica, Jeremy, Gregory); Jim & Joan Devlin; Alan & Jane Dickinson

Those celebrating birthdays: Cheryl Debus; Jane Gardner; Peter Stephenson

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; Michael

