





**Christmas Eve**  
**Family Eucharist and Christmas Pageant**  
**December 24<sup>th</sup> 2011 at 4:00 pm**

Welcome to St Timothy's! We're glad you're here for our special family celebration of Christmas!

We have a special place in our hearts for kids here at St Timothy's. Tonight—as we remember God becoming a human child—all kids are welcomed as VIPs (Very Important People)! We hope you'll sing with all your heart and join in all the prayers (your part is in bold print). If you're very young and you can't see, feel free to stand up on the pew.

We hope you'll come again. Our main Sunday service is at 10 o'clock, with songs, bible readings, choir anthems, babysitting for infants, Sunday School (JK through high school), and refreshments afterwards.

**Presider**

The Rev Canon Greg Symmes

**Servers**

Ann Nurse, Gillian Robinson

**Communion Assistants**

Suzanne Pearson, Frank Hicks,  
George Goodwin, Sylvia Skippen

## The Gathering of the Community

*As everyone gathers together, we will sing Christmas carols.*

**Carol 120** 'O Little Town of Bethlehem' St. Louis  
(Verses 1 – 3)

**Carol 128** 'The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy' The Virgin Mary

**Carol** 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' English Traditional

**Carol 145** 'Good King Wenceslas' Tempus Adest Floridum

**Carol 143** 'Angels, from the Realms of Glory' Regent Square  
(Verses 1 – 3)

## The Service Begins

**Processional Carol 118** 'O Come, All Ye Faithful' Adeste  
Fideles

(Verses 1, 3, 4)

*Remain standing*

**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 Opening Prayer for Christmas

**All:** 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. Amen.

*Please be seated during the pageant (unless you are very young).*

# **The Christmas Pageant**

*Produced by members of St Timothy's Church School and Youth Group*

## **Scene 1      The Census**

**Hymn 120** 'O Little Town of Bethlehem'      St. Louis  
*(Verse 1)*

## **Scene 2      The Journey**

**Hymn 269** 'Heavenly Message'      Bunessan,3  
*(Verse 1)*

## **Scene 3      The Birth**

**Hymn 146** 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime'      Une Jeune Pucelle  
*(Verse 1)*

## **Scene 4      The Angelic Messengers**

**Hymn 135** 'Shepherds in the Field Abiding'      Iris  
*(Verse 1)*

## **Scene 5      The Shepherds Visit**

In the bleak mid-winter  
Frosty wind made moan;  
Earth stood hard as iron,  
Water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
In the bleak mid-winter  
Long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold Him,  
Nor earth sustain,  
Heaven and earth shall flee away  
When He comes to reign:  
In the bleak mid-winter  
A stable place sufficed  
The Lord God Almighty --  
Jesus Christ.

Angels and Archangels  
May have gathered there,  
Cherubim and Seraphim  
Thronged the air;  
But only His Mother  
In her maiden bliss  
Worshiped the Beloved  
With a kiss.

What can I give Him  
Poor as I am?  
If I were a Shepherd  
I would bring a lamb,  
If I were a Wise Man  
I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give Him, --  
Give my heart.

**Scene 6            The Shepherds Return**

**Carol**    Angels' Carol

John Rutter

Have you heard the sound of the angel voices  
Ringing out so sweetly, ringing out so clear?  
Have you seen the star shining out so brightly  
As a sign from God that Christ the Lord is here?  
Have you heard the news that they bring from heaven  
To the humble shepherds who have waited long?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Hear the angels sing their joyful song.

He is come in peace in the winter's stillness,  
Like a gentle snowfall in the gentle night.  
He is come in joy, like the sun at morning,  
Filling all the world with radiance and with light.  
He is come in love as the child of Mary.  
In a simple stable we have seen his birth.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Hear the angels singing 'Peace on earth'.

He will bring new light to a world in darkness,  
Like a bright star shining in the skies above.  
He will bring new hope to the waiting nations,  
When he comes to reign in purity and love.  
Let the earth rejoice at the Saviour's coming.  
Let the heavens answer with a joyful morn:  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Hear the angels singing, 'Christ is born'.



# The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn 139 'The First Nowell'

(Ibid)

*(Verses 1 & 2, 5 & 6)*

## The Prayer over the Gifts

**All:** 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. Amen.

## The Eucharistic Prayer #5 (*if you're able, please remain standing*)

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: We give you thanks and praise, Almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

**People:** Glory to you for ever and ever!

Presider: On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant,

which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

**People: Glory to you for ever and ever!**

Presider: Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

**People: Glory to you for ever and ever!**

Presider: Father, you call us to be your servants: fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**People: Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen**

Presider: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

### **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 for ever. Amen!**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

**Presider:** 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.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

**Presider:** The gifts of God for the People of God.

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

### **Directions for reception of Communion:**

*Baptized Christians, of all ages and denominations, are invited to share with us in the bread and wine of communion, and all are welcome.*

*Communion will be distributed in 3 places. Please go up the centre aisle and go either to the left or right to receive communion at the side chapels, or proceed to the High Altar. We ask that you return to your pews using the side aisles. Please help us keep the flow moving.*

### **Communion Carols:**

**Hymn 135** 'Shepherds in the Field Abiding' Iris

**Hymn 146** 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime' Une Jeune Pucelle

**Hymn 137** 'What Child Is This' Greensleeves

**Hymn 119** 'Silent Night' Stille Nacht

## Prayers after Communion

**All:** 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. 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

## The Dismissal

**Presider:** Celebrate that God is here with us forever!

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn 154** 'Joy to the World'

Antioch

## The cast (for speaking parts)

Narrator #1 -	Naomi Arnold
Narrator #2 -	James Fair
Emperor Augustus -	Charles Cotton
Court Officials -	Cameron Cotton Bennett Cotton
Mary -	Olivia Cuff
Joseph -	Cameron Cotton
Shepherds -	Charles Cotton Bennett Cotton
Sheep -	Kaira Liburd Georgia Scovell Nathan Scovell
Angel -	Saba Blyden-Taylor
Chorus of Angels -	Simone Arnold Isabelle Green, Sophia Green

**Please join us for our other special  
Christmas celebrations!**

**Tonight**                      10:30 pm                      Carol Singing  
**(Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>)**                      11:00 pm                      Candlelight Choral Eucharist

**Christmas Day**    8:00 am                      Holy Eucharist  
**(Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>)**                      10:00 am                      Holy Eucharist

**New Year's Day**    10:00 am **ONLY** Holy Eucharist  
**(Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>)**

**The Church of St Timothy**  
**www.StTimothy.ca                      416.488.0079**

**Just a reminder:**

In order to receive a tax receipt for this year,  
all gifts must be received by December 31<sup>st</sup>.



**The flowers in the church are to the  
glory of God and in loving memory of**

Jeffrey Jones by Jean Jones  
John & Anita Liburd by Rosina Warton and Sydney Liburd  
Charles & Myrtle Warton by John Warton  
The Rev. J.M.G. Soutter & Mrs. Helen Broughton  
by Jocelyn Soutter, Stephen, Katherine and Charlotte Dominy  
Elizabeth Fraser by Janet Elizabeth Fraser  
Alexander Pierce by Marjorie Pierce  
Douglas Harris by Martha Harris  
Ruth Gratton by Peter & Stephen Gratton  
Professor and Mrs. R. J. Bryden by Jim & Jackie Bryden  
David & Violet Whiting and Stanley & Kathryn Mickall  
by Richard & Diana Whiting  
Maurice Elwin Springer by Mary Springer  
Virginia Brown & Robert Nelson  
Bruce Butler by Gerlinde Butler  
Our parents and loved ones by Marianne & Armando Cassin  
Florence & Oliver Flint and John Somerville  
by Frances & Alan Flint  
Marina Walter by Irene Armstrong  
Sydney Gauld Fraser by Doreen Fraser & family  
Mabel Burnside Scott by Jane, John and Rob Ready  
Canon Ralph Price, Barbara Price, Ron & Audrey Pember and  
Janet McKnight by Mary & Fred Pember  
Elizabeth Graydon & Viktor Prisceponka  
by Anne, Kevin and James Fair  
Stanley Kent by Beverley Kent

**and in thanksgiving by**

Betty (Margaret) Banton for my friends at St. Tim's

Gini Hunter for family and

good friends (including the 8 o'clocks!)

Sarah, Robert, Paul, Peter & Laura Kelly

for Jean & Eric Davis

Heather, Ken, Carter and Taylor Ellis

Greg & Ardith Symmes for family and friends



Have a blessed Christmas!!