

We worship on the traditional lands of the Esquimalt, Songhees and other Nations of the Salish and Coast Salish Peoples. We, who came from many lands to join the line of Anglicans worshipping here, commit our Church to continue the journey of truth and reconciliation with our First Nations' neighbours.



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The Anglican Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul

December 24th 2018 – 9:00pm

Christmas Eve

Communion Service & Carol Singing

“Embracing and Spreading God’s Love”



We wish you a Blessed Christmas

We journey together in a year of Discipleship.

WELCOME! To all! The Parish family of St. Peter & St. Paul is pleased that you are here. Whether you are new, visiting or a long time member, our prayer is that today you have an encounter through worship with the Living Christ. We wish you and your family and friends a blessed Christmas Season!!

Carols

120 – O Little Town of Bethlehem

139 – The First Noel (v. 1-2 6)

148 – See Amid the Winter's Snow

118 - O Come, All Ye Faithful (v. 1-4)

Preludes: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, BWV 147

J.S. Bach arranged by Harvey Grace

(Choir) - Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming - *Michael Praetorius*

Holy Communion - Book of Alternative Services

Words of Greeting and Welcome: *The Rev. Doug Friesen*

Celebrant: 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.

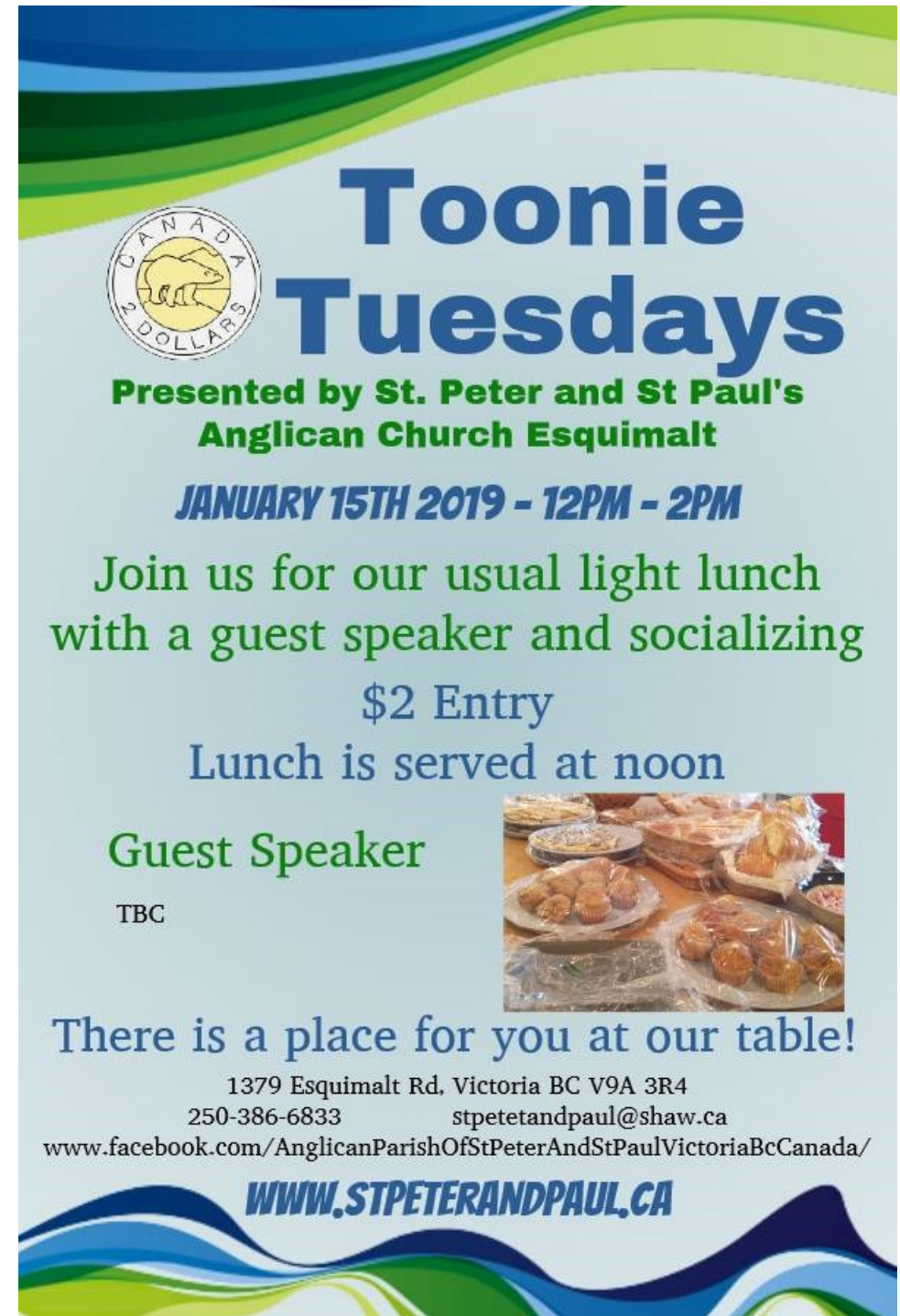
Entering Hymn: **123 – Once in Royal David's City**

(v. 1 – solo, 2-3 all)

Gathering of the Community p.185

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

All: And also with you.



The poster features a blue and green wavy border at the top and bottom. On the left is the Canadian 2-dollar coin logo. The main text is in large blue and green fonts. The event is presented by St. Peter and St Paul's Anglican Church Esquimalt on January 15th, 2019, from 12PM to 2PM. It includes a light lunch, a guest speaker, and socializing for a \$2 entry. A photo of various pastries is shown next to the 'Guest Speaker' text. The website www.stpeterandpaul.ca is listed at the bottom.

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Presented by St. Peter and St Paul's Anglican Church Esquimalt

JANUARY 15TH 2019 - 12PM - 2PM


Join us for our usual light lunch with a guest speaker and socializing

\$2 Entry

Lunch is served at noon

Guest Speaker

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There is a place for you at our table!

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Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival 2019: April 17th – Classical Guitar, April 23rd – 27th Junior Strings at St. Peter and St Paul’s Church. For more information visit: <http://www.gvpaf.org> or contact festival@gvpaf.org or call 250-386-9223.

Compline Service: Compline service will continue on the first Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. each month in 2019 with the exception of January which will change from the 1st to the 8th. Until further notice, the service will be held in the Chapel, Lower floor in the Parish Hall.

Altar Flowers 2019: There is a new list for Altar Flowers for 2019 on the bulletin board near to the main entrance of the church, if you would like to participate by providing altar flowers for a service in 2019 please fill this sheet out and either write a message next to your week, or send your message a few weeks before to stpeterandpaul@shaw.ca.

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Please be seated

Lighting of the four Advent Candles and the Christ Candle

Celebrant: Acknowledgement of the Esquimalt and Songhees peoples.

Celebrant: In the season of Advent we have used the Advent wreath and its candles to help us get ready for this great celebration of the birth of Christ.

When we lit the first purple candle, we asked God to remind us to wait for Jesus, our Hope.

When we lit the second purple candle, we asked God to forgive our sins. We acknowledged that only through Christ will Peace come.

When we lit the third candle, we felt joyful in the knowledge and experience of Joy. Christ, who has been born in a manger, will come again in glory to wipe away every tear from our eyes!

When we lit the fourth candle, we were reminded that Love came through Christ.

Today we celebrate the birth of Jesus the Christ, Jesus the Good Shepherd, Jesus who forgives our sins, Jesus who will come again, Jesus the son of Mary, the Son of David and the very Son of God!

All: Dear God, as we light the center candle, may we celebrate with full joy the birth of your Son, Jesus the Christ. Amen!

Celebrant: 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.**

Gloria: (*sung*) 365 - Glory to God on High

The Collect of the Day:

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: **Eternal God Who made this most holy night**

To shine with the brightness of your one true light;

Bring us who know the revelation of that light on earth,

To see the radiance of your heavenly glory;

Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

Who is alive and reigns with you,

In the unity of the Holy Spirit One God, now and forever. Amen.

The Story of Faith is Proclaimed

1st Reading: Isaiah 62:6–12

Bridget Ducker

p. 604 Bible

Psalm 97 (*Said*)

p. 835 BAS

The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice; *

let the multitude of the isles be glad.

Clouds and darkness are round about him, *

righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.

A fire goes before him *

and burns up his enemies on every side.

His lightnings light up the world; *

the earth sees it and is afraid.

The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, *

at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

The heavens declare his righteousness, *

and all the peoples see his glory.

Celebrant: let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Postlude: X Noel (Grand Jeu et Duo) - *Louis Claude Daquin*

*We thank those who prepared the sanctuary and
those who had roles in the worship service today.*

REMINDER- TOMORROW

Christmas Day, December 25th at 10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion with Hymns

Office Closure over Christmas/New Year: The office will be closed December 24-28, 2018. The deadline for all announcements and messages for the bulletins for all services over this period are due by Tuesday December 18th 2018 at 10:30a.m. For emergencies during this time, please contact Sharon Wickware at 250-386-6833 or John ducker at 250-381-8208. We will be back to work on January 2nd, 2019. Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday season.

Pastoral Care: please contact the Wardens by leaving a message at the office or, in an emergency, please call one of the Wardens directly.

Bishop's Warden - Sharon Wickware - 250-686-6335

People's Warden - John Ducker - 250-812-9043

Holy Communion and Healing Service: - The Holy Communion and Healing Service on Wednesday 26th December is cancelled. Please look out for further dates in 2019.

Important Note:

After communion and just before we begin singing "Silent Night" the Lay Assistants will distribute candles. When lighting your candle please point the unlighted candle to the lighted candle so that the wax does not drip. The lights in the Church will dim and go out. By candlelight we sing.

Transitional Hymn: 119 – Silent Night

Prayer after Communion: *Celebrant*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.**

Congregation extinguishes candles as lights come on in the church. Lay Assistants will collect the candles.

Glory to God... p. 214

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.

A Christmas Blessing:

Celebrant: May the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin and brighten your hearts with holiness; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Sending Hymn: 138 – Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Dismissal

Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in false gods! *

Bow down before him, all you gods.

**Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgements, O Lord.**

For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; *
you are exalted far above all gods.

The Lord loves those who hate evil; *

**he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from
the hand of the wicked.**

Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

**Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy name.**

Psalm Prayer:

**Almighty God, your whole creation declares your glory. May
we perceive you in all your works and live in the light of your
righteousness, through him who is the light of the world, Jesus Christ
our Lord.**

Second Reading: Titus 3:4–7; *John Ducker* p. 969 Bible

Gradual Hymn: 135 – Shepherds In the Field Abiding

(v. 1-2 before the Gospel, 3-4 After)

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:1–20; p. 832 Bible

Christmas Message *Rev. Doug Friesen*

Anthem (Choir) "Zion hears the watchmen's voices" from Cantata 140 - *J.S. Bach*

The Apostles' Creed - Affirmation of Faith p. 189

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.

Litany of the Incarnation (*said prayer*) Prayer Leader: Wally Eamer

Congregation say **bolded** responses

In joy and humility let us pray to the creator of the universe, saying, "Lord, grant us peace."

By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel, hear us, O Lord. **Lord, grant us peace.**

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us sing,

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.

Breaking of the Bread

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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.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Behold the Lamb of God... (*sung*) *Celebrant*

Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the world.

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the world.

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the world.

Grant us your peace.

Chalice Administrants: John Ducker & Bridget Ducker

(Choir) - Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light - *Johann Schon*

Communion Hymn: 117 – Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming

Interlude: on "Silent Night: - Charles Callahan & Calvin Hampton

In all things he fulfilled your gracious will. On the night he freely gave himself to death, 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."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim our hope.

All: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Celebrant: Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O Lord

Lord, grant us peace.

Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; hear us, O Lord

Lord, grant us peace.

Prayers of the People

Bridget Ducker

Confession & Absolution - *led by celebrant*

Confession:

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.

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.**

Absolution:

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

The Peace *(with those immediately around you)*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: 132 – Of Eternal Love Begotten

Prayer over the Gifts:

Doxology as the Gifts of wine, bread, money, and food are presented at the Altar.

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Sacred Meal is Shared

Eucharistic Prayer #1

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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: It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.

Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices 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: Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need.