

The Anglican Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul  
December 25th 2019  
Christmas Day  
“Nourishing Faith and Community”





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## 10:30 AM Eucharist - Book of Alternative Services

Chorale Prelude: X Noel Grand jeu et duo - *Louis Claude Daquin*

Opening Hymn: **CP143 Angels from the Realms of Glory**

Territorial Acknowledgement

Words of Greeting and Welcome: *The Rev. Gail Rodger*

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.

Gathering of the Community

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

Glory to God on high,  
and peace to all on earth.

We worship you, we give you thanks,  
our heavenly King.

We give you praise,  
almighty God and Father blessed  
in glory bright.

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ,  
the Father's only Son,  
the sacrificial Lamb,  
who saves the world from sin,  
have mercy Lord.  
Beside the Father's hand enthroned,  
now hear our prayer.

You only are the Lord.  
You only are most high.  
You only are the holy one,  
Lord Jesus Christ.

And now you reign  
with Father and with Spirit one  
in glorious light.

The Collect of the Day:

O God our Father, whose Word has come among us  
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem, may the light of faith  
illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds;  
through him who is Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Story of Faith is Proclaimed

1st Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

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p. 555 Bible

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 96**

*(said responsively by full verse)*

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Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

**Sing to the Lord and bless his name;**

**proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**

Declare his glory among the nations  
and his wonders among all peoples.

**For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;**

**he is more to be feared than all gods.**

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;  
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

**Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!**

**Oh, the power and the splendour of his sanctuary!**

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;  
ascribe to the Lord honour and power.

**Ascribe to the Lord the honour due his name;  
bring offerings and come into his courts.**

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
let the whole earth tremble before him.

**Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is king!  
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."**

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the Lord when he comes,  
when he comes to judge the earth.**

He will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with his truth. **Amen**

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14;

p. 969 Bible

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn: CP153 Good Christians All Rejoice**

*(v. 1-2 before Gospel, v. 3 after)*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:1-20;

p. 832 Bible

*Celebrant:* The gospel of Christ.

**All:           Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Christmas Message

*The Rev. Wally Eamer*

**Hymn: CP 139 The First Nowell**

Prayers of the People

Confession & Words of Assurance

*Celebrant:* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming of sinners and inviting us to 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.**

The Peace

**Offertory Hymn: CP125 Infant Holy Infant Lowly**

Prayer over the Gifts:

Generous Creator, in faith and joy we celebrate the birth of your Son. Increase our understanding and our love of the riches you have revealed in him, who is Lord now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Sacred Meal is Shared (*reserve sacrament*)

The table of bread and wine is now ready. It is the table of company with Jesus and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

**The Lord's Prayer: (sung)**

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

*Chalice Administrants: Deacon Wally Eamer & Lynda Weller.*

**Communion Hymn: CP 120 O Little Town of Bethlehem**

Prayer after Communion:

Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Glory to God...

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**Closing Hymn: CP154 Joy to the World**

Commissioning: Go...

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude: Toccata from Symphony No. 5 for the Organ -  
*Charles-Marie Widor*

*The flowers at the altar today are given to the Glory of God by Annette Pitts.*

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

**Readings for Sunday December 29<sup>th</sup> - Morning Prayer**

Isaiah 63:7-9;

Psalm 148

Hebrews 2:10-18;

Matthew 2:13-23;

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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