

Apprentices of Jesus for the building of God's Kingdom



*st. Timothy's
Anglican Church*

December 13, 2015
Advent 3
10:00 am Communion

OUR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

	Today	Next Week
Presider	Rev. Maureen Crerar	Rev. Maureen Crerar
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Coffee		

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS (Advent 4) Lessons and Carols

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Welcome! We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today. If, at any time during the service, you need help finding your way around please don't hesitate to ask one of the sides persons (or your neighbor) for assistance - we are happy to help.

Introit: Come, Lord Jesus - Martin How

Choir: Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus,
Amen, come Lord Jesus.

Refrain:



Choir: O come quickly, come Lord Jesus,
O come quickly, come Lord come.

Refrain:

Choir: The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness,
Prepare ye the way of the Lord,
Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Refrain:



Hymn: There's a Voice in the Wilderness

#106



Lightening of the Advent Wreath

Reader 1: We light the candle of joy to remind us that when Jesus is born in us we have joy and that through him there will be everlasting joy on earth.

Reader 2: Joy is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the joy we find in Jesus Christ.

Reader 3: Let us pray: Thank you God for the joy you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your joy with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

Sing: Light one candle

Light one candle for joy,
One bright candle for joy,
Christ brings joy to everyone,
He comes, He comes.

Light one candle for hope ...

Light one candle for peace ...

Silence: (We still ourselves in God's presence)



Welcome (Please stand)

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

A: And also with you.

L: Almighty God

**A: 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.**

Kyrie (sung together):

#705

Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Prayer of the Day:

**A: 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**

L: We Hear God's Word:



1st Reading: **Zephaniah 3:14-20**

Old Testament p.877

L: The Word of the Lord

A: Thanks be to God!

Canticle: **3**

BAS(Green Book) p.76

Cry out for joy, _____ for God is a - mong you.

2nd Reading: **Philippians 4:4-7**

New Testament p. 198

L: The Word of the Lord

A: Thanks be to God!



(Please stand and face the Gospel reader)

L: The Lord be with you. **A: And also with you.**

L: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

A:  **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Gospel Reading: **Luke 3:7-18**

New Testament p. 60

L: The Gospel of Christ

A:  **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Gospel Hymn: Prepare the Way

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Sermon: (Please be seated)



We respond to God's Word: (Minister and People together, all standing)

L. Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**A: 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.**



Prayers of the People: (Please kneel or be seated)

This week our cycle of prayer for the Church includes:

Parish Family: All the volunteers, church groups and their families

Prayer Requests: Ida, Heather, George, Barbara, Oscar, Harold, Lisa, Martin, Alisa, Ernest, Melanie, Ronald, Julie.

Diocese: Clergy widows and widowers: Dona Armstrong, Norma Beaver; Beth-Anne Exham; Kathleen Gale; Peggy Gibbons; Shirley Hanes; Diane Howes; Joan Ivany; Alisa Ketchum-Walker; Ted McClung; Cynthia Morris; Betty Myles; Janice Roderick; Lois Rumsey; Roberta Shell; Ruth Starr; Pauline Tiffen.

Buyé Diocese: Kigufi Parish: Archdeacon Frederic Miburo, Rector.

Aboriginal Community: Red Earth First Nation Reserve, The Rev. Rita Nawakayas, Rector of St. Stephen's, Red Earth, SK.
Enoch Cree Nation.

Canada: Diocese of Kootenay; the Most. Rev. John Privett, Archbishop.

World: Windward Islands - (West Indies) The Rt. Rev. Calvert Friday

Confession & Absolution:

L: 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.

L: Most merciful God,

**A. 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 upon us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

L: Almighty God have mercy upon you,

pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: Amen



The Peace: (please stand)

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

A: And also with you.

The members of the community, ministers and people, speak the Lord's peace into each other's lives.

Offertory Hymn: Word of God, Come Down on Earth

#446

Offerings are given

Prayer over the gifts.

**A: 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.**

We Celebrate Communion:

L: The Lord be with you. **A: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts. **A: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

A: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh,
and opened to us the way of salvation.
Now we watch for the day when he will come again
in power and great triumph to judge this world,
that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing.
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and
archangels
and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn
to proclaim the glory of your name.

Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy

#735

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, (x2)

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. (x2)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. (x2)

L. We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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."

L: Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**A: we remember his death,
we remember his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

L: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

A: Amen.



L: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**A: Our Father in heaven hallowed be Thy Name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heav'n.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive 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

L: God of promise,
you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

**A: Happy are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb.**

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

A: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn: **Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. #747**
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world,
Give us your peace, give us your peace.*

All baptized Christians regardless of denomination are welcome to receive communion. It is our custom to either stand or kneel to receive Communion; the greeters will ensure that communion is offered to those who cannot walk to the rail. Those not wishing to receive communion are welcome to come forward & receive a prayer of blessing.

Communion Hymn: Comfort, Comfort Ye My People #100

Anthem: A Litany for Advent - Shirley W. McRae



Prayer after communion is led by the minister (Kneel or sit)

**A: 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**



Please stand to give Glory to God

L: Glory to God,

**A: 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.**

Blessing: (given by the minister)

Hymn: O Come, O Come Emmanuel #89

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **A: Thanks be to God.**

Choral Amen

A time of quiet concludes the service. At this time you wish to remain and pray or exit for coffee and fellowship. Following this time of quiet a postlude may be played.

Please join us for fellowship and coffee following the service.

Prayer for Search Committee

Almighty God, you know the needs of your Church in every place: look graciously upon us, the people of St. Timothy's, and grant us the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we seek a new Rector for this parish. Give us discernment, wisdom, and confidence in your timing. Guide the members of our Search Committee, as they labour to be faithful in seeking your will. We pray for the life of our parish, that we may continue to be strengthened in our mission to be Jesus Christ's heart, hands and feet to our neighbors no matter where they are on their journey of faith. Bless us with mutual trust and respect, courage, and foresight as you shepherd our community through its journey. Grace us with continuous direction and inspire us toward genuine self-reflection. All this we ask as we walk in your ways to the glory of your name. Amen.

CALENDAR

Dec	14	Mon	6:45 pm	Youth Group (St. Tim's)
	15	Tue	10:30 am	Eucharist at Lynnwood
	17	Thu	6:00 pm	Choir Practice
	19	Sat	3:00 pm	Messy Church
	20	Sun	10:00 am	Lessons and Carols Service
	24	Thu	10:30 am	Canterbury Court
			5:00 pm	Christmas Eve Pageant
			11:00 pm	Midnight Mass - Choral Communion
	25	Fri	10:00 am	Christmas Day Service
			10:30 am	Canterbury Court
	31	Thu	10:30 am	Canterbury Court

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy December Birthday to: Muriel Watterworth, Jeff Watt, Alex Mudage - on Christmas Day!, Andrew West, Oscar Bellerose, Margaret Lemoine, Lynne Reckhow, Meghan Ropchan, Bob Lang.

Please see Pamela Graham to add your name to the calendar.

Outreach:

The Christian Care Centre is looking for donations especially for men's coats and socks. Please place in the container by book table.

Thank you for the generous offering of food and for volunteering to

serve it to our brothers and sisters who come for lunch at the Bissell Centre every Sunday.

St. Timothy's will once again be participating in the **Christmas Bureau Hampers Program**. If you wish to contribute to this worthy cause, please make out your cheque to St. Timothy's Parish and mark it "Outreach". Hampers will be delivered on December 19.

Red Earth Christmas Bags

We are planning to ship 50 Christmas bags for the children in Red Earth First Nation for Rev. Rita to distribute at their Christmas Eve service. Please help by writing a personalized card after the service and/or making a donation. Thank you!

Altar Guild News: Donations of any amount will be greatly appreciated towards the purchase of Poinsettia Plants for our Advent and Christmas services. The Altar Guild wishes to thank Betty Faulder for her years of support and service, particularly managing the weekly flower bulletin information. As Betty steps down, we would like to draw your attention to the Altar Guild Flower notice on the bulletin board by the main entrance. There is a large envelope containing the information required in order to have weekly Altar flowers in memory of family inserted in the Bulletin. Please complete the form. Your \$60 cheque marked Altar Guild, can either be placed in the regular Collection or submit to Pam Gaskin, St Tim's Secretary.

Reach Donations: If you are participating in the REACH Campaign please make your cheque (s) payable to the "Diocese of Edmonton" and mail directly to them. The mailing address is: **Diocese of Edmonton, 10035-103 St., Edmonton, AB, T5J 0X5**. They will look after your tax receipt. Do not include it in your normal contribution to St. Timothy's

Family Candleholders & Tinkling Bells: You are invited to bring a Candleholder of brass or glass (name on bottom) & Tinkling bells to add to our Chancel display of poinsettias and candles. We will provide a white taper to burn during Christmas Eve services. On Epiphany Sunday, the candle can be taken home as a symbol of Christ's message going into the world. Holders to be here by December 20.

Stewardship: Stewardship letters are available for all who did not receive one. During this season please prayerfully consider your pledge to support the mission and ministry of St. Timothy's in 2016. On January 10, all pledge cards will be received during both services. If your will be away, kindly mail your pledge to the church office.

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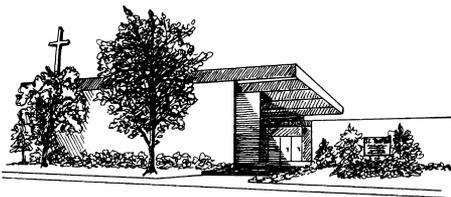
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