



24 December 2021 5pm



The Christmas Story



Merry Christmas and Welcome!

We bid you a very warm welcome to our worship. For everyone's safety, please face forward at all times during the service. We acknowledge our presence is on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Peoples. Listening devices are available for the hearing impaired during the service; please contact one of our greeters.

Prelude

Christmas time is here

V Guaraldi

Please rise as you are able to sing

Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;

go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si-lent flocks by night,
 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a-bove the earth
 3 Down in a lone-ly man-ger the hum-ble Christ was born;

be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
 rang out the an - gel cho - rous that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
 and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Refrain

Words of welcome

Priest The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God
 and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

Priest My friends we have come together on this Christmas Eve
 to celebrate the birth of God's beloved Son, Jesus Christ.
 Through the days of Advent we have followed the light of
 Christ, and now we travel in spirit with Mary and Joseph to
 Bethlehem to acclaim with the multitude of angels the
 coming of the Prince of Peace. We will listen to the story
 from the Bible and through song and prayer we will give
 thanks to God for this beautiful time as we celebrate the
 coming of Christ. It is a time to rejoice and respond with
 lively faith.

The lighting of the Christmas Candle of the Advent Wreath

We offer this prayer as we prepare ourselves for this time and this service

All **O God, this night is radiant with your beauty and your light. The day we have all been waiting for has arrived as we can celebrate the birth of your son Jesus. We thank you for the wonder, beauty and delight of this time. That in the darkest time of year we can celebrate your light and your love. Be with us now as we listen to the story of Jesus' birth and bless us as we do. In all of the gifts and the giving we experience at this time remind us of your gifts to our lives. We pray this in the name of Jesus and, the holy and undivided Trinity of God. Amen.**

Choir Once in a Royal David's City arr. David Willcocks

Mary and Joseph and animals are carried up to the crèche

Priest The story of Jesus' birthday begins in this way from our Bible:

Reader In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.



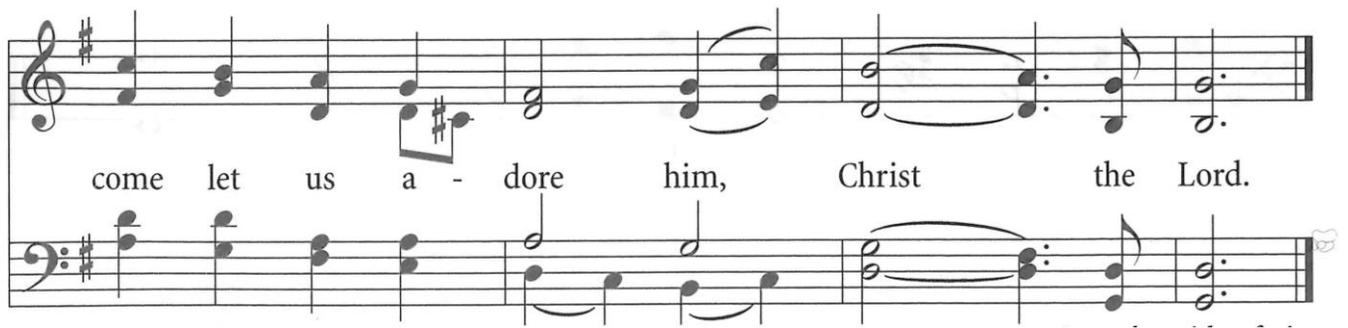
Please rise as you are able to sing Hymn No 118 in Common Praise

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2 God of God, Light of Light,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem:
 lo, he ab - hors not the vir - gin's womb;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove;
 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh with low - ly fear;

Refrain
 come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels;
 ver - y God, be - got - ten not cre - a - ted: O
 glo - ry to God in the high - est:
 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;

come let us a - dore him, O come let us a - dore him, O



Priest

Loving God,

All

thank you for loving us, thank you for the people who love us, and thank you for the people we love. Care for those who feel alone, those who are sad and those who are hurt. Help us to live in love and kindness tonight and always, Amen.

Choir

O Little Town of Bethlehem arr. by Vaughan Williams

The Christ Child is carried forward

Reader

While Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem, the time came for Mary to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.



Please rise as you are able to sing Hymn No 138 in Common Praise

1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er -
 3 Hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of

new - born King, peace on earth, and mer - cy mild,
 last - ing Lord; late in time be - hold him come,
 Right - eous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,

God and sin - ners re - con - ciled." Joy - ful, all ye
 off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
 risen with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his

na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 God - head see; hail, the in - car - nate de - i - ty,
 glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!"
 pleased as one of us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King."

Priest Holy Jesus,
All **Born in a barn, poor, small, tiny and helpless. We pray for the vulnerable, for those who feel helpless, and those without enough; enough food, enough shelter, enough love tonight. Thank you for all those who welcome and care for anyone in need, in your name we pray. Amen.**

Choir Angels We Have Heard On High arr. Barnes

The angels of the crèche are carried forward

Reader In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah,

the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”

Reader

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,
 “Glory to God in the highest heaven,
 and on earth peace among those whom he favours!”

Please rise as you are able to sing Hymn No 136 in Common Praise

Descant

6 “All glo - ry be to God on high, and

1 While shep - herds watched their flocks by night all
 2 “Fear not,” said he, for migh - ty dread had
 3 To you in Da - vid’s town this day is
 4 the heaven - ly babe you there shall find to

to the world be peace; good will hence - forth from

seat - ed on the ground, the an - gel of the
 seized their trou - bled mind. “Glad ti - dings of great
 born of Da - vid’s line a Sav - iour, who is
 hu - man view dis - played, all mean - ly wrapped in



heaven to earth be - gin, and ne - ver cease.”

Lord came down and glo - ry shone a - round.
 joy I bring to you and hu - man - kind.
 Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:
 swadd - ling bands, and in a man - ger laid.”

5 Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith appeared a shining throng of angels praising God, who thus addressed their joyful song:

6 “All glory be to God on high, and to the world be peace; good will henceforth from heaven to earth begin, and never cease.”



Priest
All

O Shining Star
Giver of Holy Light. Shine in our hearts and in our World. Bring Joy, Bring Peace. In the name of the baby born in a manger. Amen.

Choir

Sussex Carol

arr. David Willcocks

The Shepherds of the crèche are carried forward

Reader

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Please rise as you are able to sing Hymn No 126 in Common Praise

Capo 1

E C#m F#m

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay

B E F# F#7 B

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.
close by me for ev - er and love me, I pray.

E G#m C# F#m

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
I love you, Lord Je - sus — look down from on high
Bless all the dear chil - dren in your ten - der care,

paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

We sing Hymn No 119 in Common Praise

Capo 1

1 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm,
 2 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 3 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
 at the sight: glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
 love's pure light rad - iant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant so ten - der and mild, sleep in
 heav - enly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia, Christ the
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus,

heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 Sav - iour is born, Christ the Sav - iour is born.
 Lord, at thy birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Priest

That's the story of how Jesus was born. It is a story filled with a manger, a stable, Mary and Joseph, of course, the baby Jesus, all sorts of animals in the stable, shepherds, angels and magi or wise men... and us too. Every time we celebrate Christmas and the birth of Jesus we are entering once again that stable near the inn where there was no room. We are welcome to come closer and maybe even say with the angels, "Glory to God in the highest heaven." Every time we say Merry Christmas to someone we are inviting them to remember that it is all about the birth of Jesus Christ and his coming into the world as light, as hope, as peace, as joy, as love. We see in him a new way to live and be.



Please rise as you are able for Hymn No 139 in Common Praise.

1 The first no - well the an - gel did say
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star,
 3 And by the light of that same star
 4 This star drew nigh to the north - west;

was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay,
 shin - ing in the east, be - yond them far;
 three wise men came from coun - try far;
 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,

in fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep
 and to the earth it gave great light,
 to seek for a king was their in - tent,
 and there it did both stop and stay,

on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 and to fol - low the star where - ev - er it went.
 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.

Refrain

No - well, no - well, no - well, no - well,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Prayer over the gifts

Priest Good and loving God,
we rejoice in the birth of Jesus,
who came among the poor
to bring the riches of your grace.
As you have blessed us with your gifts,
let them be a blessing for others.
With the trees of the field,
with all earth and heaven,
we should for joy at the coming of your Son,
All **Amen.**

Priest The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Priest 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.
You created us to love you with all our heart,
and to love each other as ourselves,
but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.
In Jesus, your Son,
you bring healing to our world
and gather us into one great family.
Therefore, with all who serve you
on earth and in heaven,
we praise your wonderful name, as we sing,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glor - y. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Priest

We give you thanks and praise, loving God,
 because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us
 you showed us how much you love us.
 He cares for the poor and the hungry.
 He suffers with the sick and the rejected.
 Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back
 but overcame hatred with love.
 On the cross
 he defeated the power of sin and death.
 By raising him from the dead
 you show us the power of your love
 to bring new life to all your people.

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."

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.

O God, 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 for ever.

All

Amen.

Priest

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

All

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Priest 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.**

Priest The gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Larghetto

(org.) Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the

world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -

way the sin of the world. Grant us peace.

We invite all baptized Christians to receive Communion at our altar. If you wish to receive a blessing, please come at the same time. Wearing your mask, and sanitizing your hands, please come forward to the top of the main aisle, maintaining 2 metres distance from everyone. Communion of one kind (bread) will be given to you one at a time. Move to the side and consume the body of Christ, then return to your seat using the side aisles. Gluten free wafers are available.

Communion Anthem Whence is that Goodly Fragrance
French carol arr. D Willcocks

Please rise as you are able

Priest Radiant God,
with our eyes we have seen your salvation,
and in this meal we have feasted on your grace.
May your Word take flesh in us,
so that we may be your holy people,
revealing your glory made known to us
in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Priest Glory to God,
All **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more
than we ask or imagine. Glory to God from
generation to generation, in the Church and in
Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Priest May the humility of the shepherds, the perseverance of the
magi, the joy of the angels and the peace of the Christ child
be God's gifts to you and yours this Christmas time. And
the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be with you now and always. Amen.

Please rise as you are able to sing our final hymn No. 154 in Common Praise



1 Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth! The Sav - iour reigns: let us glad
3 No more let wrongs and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive the King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous -

room, and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the
 flow far as our sin is found, far as our
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders

and heaven and na - ture sing,

na - ture sing, and heaven and heaven and na - ture sing.
 sound - ing joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 sin is found, far as, far as our sin is found.
 of his love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

and heaven and na - ture sing,

Priest Go forth in the name of Christ.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude A Charlie Brown Christmas: *Linus & Lucy* V. Guaraldi

St John's Shaughnessy would like to wish you all a blessed and holy Christmas season. Our Christmas Day Carol Service is tomorrow at 10:00am.



Social Distancing
Please keep
one bishop-length apart.





The flowers on the Altar
and the poinsettias throughout the sanctuary
are given to the Glory of God
and in Celebration of the Birth of the Christ Child

and in loving memory of my parents,
Rosemary (Jukes) Devlin and **Charles “Chunky” Woodward**
from Robyn Woodward

with Gratitude from Patricia Luk

with gratitude for our many blessings, and a wish for peace in this world.

The Potter Family

in heartfelt gratitude from Arden & Peter Kidd

in loving memory of our parents, Alice (Gefeller) and Reinhold Firus
and Laura (Brodie) and Howard Smith, from Alex and Susan Firus

in loving memory of my husband, **Graeme**,
and remembering family near and far, from Anne Copland

in loving memory of **Dr Charles & Mrs Ann Stewart; John & Carmen
Belgrave; Gloria Diaz & Dr. John DM Belgrave**; and in thanksgiving
for the birth of our grandson, **Jeremiah Laughlin Stewart**
from Patrick & Joan Stewart

in thanksgiving for my SJS family from Karin Fulcher



in remembrance of parents **Tom and Gladys Rafter**
from Cheryl Rafter

in memory of **Russell Cook**
forever loved by Karen, Alex, Liam and Amelia

in memory and thanksgiving for family members
from John & Jane Macintyre

in loving memory of **Pat and Peter Downes** from Judith, Justis and the family

in memory of their parents **Elsie & Kurt Zimmermann** and
Johanna Marie & Christian Rudersdorfer
from Reinhard and Beatrice Rudersdorfer

in remembrance of our family and friends at Christmas
from Bev & Jim McPherson

in remembrance of my lovely Mum and Dad,
George and Eleanor Sanders, and also my **Uncle Joe**
from Maggie Sanders

In loving memory of **Don, Stephan, Pam** and **Bev** who are loved
and missed every day, from Penni Stock

In gratitude for SJS and in loving memory of **Elizabeth Werbekes**,
Roland Kraemer, Jack and **Mary Jane Ruder**, and **Gene Beswick**
from Mother Liz and family

Sunday in-person services 8am and 10am (no 8am on Dec 26)

Sunday online service

10am [Holy Eucharist live-stream](#)

Wednesday online service

8pm [Midweek Meditation](#)

| | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Rector | The Reverend Terry Dirbas |
| Assistant Priest | The Reverend Elizabeth Ruder-Celiz erceliz@vst.edu |
| Pastoral Care Team Coordinator | Helen Kline |
| Rector's Warden | Judith Downes |
| People's Warden | Maggie Sanders |
| Treasurer | Donald Wood |
| Property Trustee | Michael Dezell |
| Vestry Clerk | The Reverend Karin Fulcher |
| Music Director | Michael Dirk organist@sjs.net |
| Choir Director | vacant |
| Children's Ministry | vacant |
| Parish Administrator | Janet Hamilton |
| PWRDF Rep | Doug Symons |
| Verger/caretaker | Regan Gorman 604 441 5399 |

Please email the office if you would like to have newsletters sent to you.
Newsletters, leaflets and online videos are posted on the website.

St John's Shaughnessy Anglican Church

Diocese of New Westminster

Anglican Church of Canada

1490 Nanton Ave. Vancouver, BC, V6H 2E2

604 731 4966 (ex 1 office, 2 Priest-in-Charge)

church@sjs.net

www.sjs.net



Offices are closed, but staff are working from home.

Email and voicemail are checked regularly and often, so please reach out.

We want to hear from you!

Artwork by John Stuart, www.stushieart.com



