

St. Paul's Cathedral

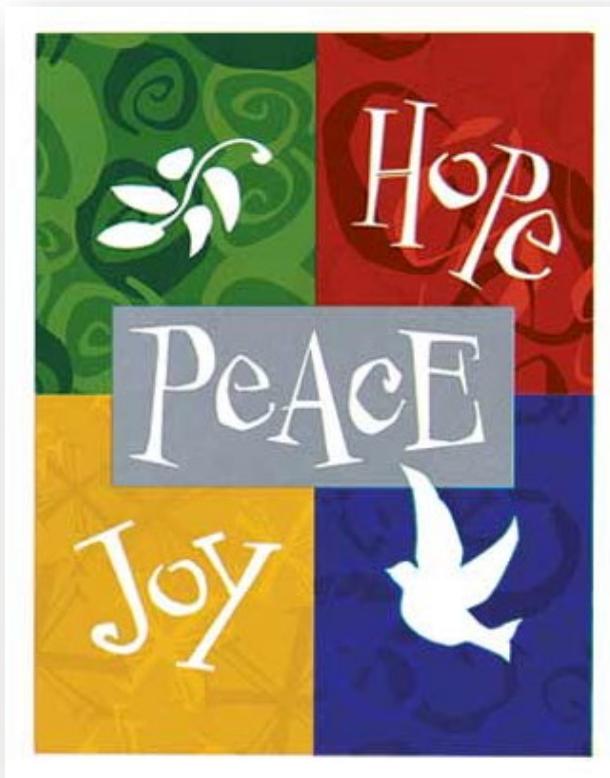
Territory of the People

Anglican Church of Canada

Kamloops, BC

Joyful, Rooted, Hospitable, Responsive

Sunday December 23rd 2018 ~ 4th Sunday of Advent



We gather today on the traditional territory of the Stk'emlupsemc te Secwepemc Nation. We acknowledge their care for and working of the land prior to contact with Europeans.

As Canadian Anglicans, we continue to work toward healing and reconciliation and a new experience of sharing the land together.

Holy Communion in the Chapel 8 a.m.

Presider: The Dean; Preacher: Lance Weisser; Lay Assistant: Elizabeth Kavanagh

The service begins on page 67 of the Book of Common Prayer

Readings: Mic 5:2-5a; Psalm 80:1-7; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-55

Holy Eucharist in the Cathedral at 10 a.m.

*Welcome to St. Paul's Cathedral. Our worship service can be found in the green book in your pews beginning on **Page 185**. Hymns for the service are found in COMMON PRAISE or MORE VOICES in your pew. The receiving of Communion is open to any who feel drawn to Christ. It is Christ's table and we are all his guests. Know that you are welcome here and our delight is in your presence with us. Please join us in the parish hall for refreshments and lively conversation following the service.*

A Service of Lessons, Carols and Holy Eucharist

For the 4th Sunday of Advent, December 23, 2018 at 10 a.m.

We Gather Together

Processional Carol 123 Once In Royal David's City

Young people and their guides gather around the Advent candles during the final verse

Leader: In this time and in this place, we gather on the ancestral lands of the Tk'emlúps te Secwepemc First Nation.

All: **From many places and many peoples we come to this house in prayer.**

Leader: In this time and in this space, and as we move through Advent season, we are not alone, for we meet in the presence of the living God.

All: **We meet in the presence of the living God.**

Leader: In this time and in this place, we are not alone, for the Risen Jesus stands in our midst.

All: **The coming Christ stands in our midst.**

Leader: In this time and in this space, we are not alone, for the wind of the Spirit moves in and through us.

All: **The wind of the Spirit moves in and through us.**

Leader: In this time and in this place, we gather with the whole company of heaven: Here heaven and earth are one.

All: **In this time and in this space heaven and earth are one.**

The Advent candle(s) are now lit

Leader: In this time and in this space, we gather together, one people in Jesus Christ.

All: **In this time and in this place, we are one people in Jesus Christ. In the name of God, Creator, Saviour and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Collect for the Day

The Dean

As the church school departs, we sing

MV 33 Jesus Came Bringing Us Peace

A Series of Lessons and Carols

Please remain seated until the Gospel proclamation

The First Reading, Isaiah 40:1-11

Phil McVie

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her

that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!'

And I said, 'What shall I cry?'

All people are grass,

their constancy is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.
The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.
Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
'Here is your God!'
See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Carol 132 Of Eternal Love Begotten, vss. 1, 2 and 6

The Second Reading, Isaiah 35:1-10

Val McVie

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.
Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Carol 121 O Little Town Of Bethlehem

The Third Reading, Isaiah 7:10-15

Diane McKelvey

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is

with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

Carol 89 O Come O Come Emmanuel, vss. 1, 3, 5 and 7

The Fourth Reading, Luke 2:1-20

Kathie Gray

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. While they were there, the time came for her 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.

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.' 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!'

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.

135 Shepherds In The Field Abiding

The Fifth Reading, Luke 2:21-38

Lance Weisser

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night

and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

Carol 137 What Child Is This

Please stand in body or in spirit

The Sixth Reading, John 1:1-18

The Dean

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Mary, A Reflection

Lance Weisser

Offertory Carol 118 O Come All Ye Faithful, vss. 1-4

The service continues with the order for Eucharist on p. 201 of the Book of Alternative Services

The Lord's Prayer is sung

Communion – *All are welcome at Christ's table. If you require gluten free bread, please indicate this to Communion Assistant at the altar rail.*

Prayers of encouragement and blessing are offered each week for those who wish. Members of our prayer ministry team are available to you—as a listening ear or as vessels of inspiration and hope. *The prayer station is now located in the space immediately behind the altar.* Whether you have a specific need, are coping with a crisis, or have a thanksgiving you want to share with someone, this special ministry is available to you. After your communion simply

make your way behind the altar where our ministers will greet you.

Moving towards the manger

Leader We have waited with others, in this place and throughout history,
in every land on this lovely and mysterious planet:

**All Light will shine in the darkness, light which surrounds us but will
never cease to shine.**

Leader We have discovered amazing things about ourselves, about God,
about our planet, and about each other:

**All Our waiting is almost over; Christ will come as a child to Bethlehem
and to us all.**

Leader So let us now go, to our homes, to our families, to the streets where
we live and work, and to the stranger in our midst:

**All May all people seek the light of Christ, which comes close, especially
at this time of year, but also during each and every day. Amen.**

Carol 140 It Came Upon A Midnight Clear, vss. 1,3 and 5

Followed by MV 220 Hope Shines As The Solitary Star

WORSHIP MINISTERS at 10 a.m. service

Musicians: Heather and Norris Berg; Presider: The Dean; Preacher: Lance

Weisser; Gospeller: Richard Cane; Altar Guild: Irene Bridgeman, Tannis Karras;
Coffee: Dwight & Islay Oatway; Greeters: Mavis Chalmers, Judy Waddington; Lay

Admin: Barry Baskin, Ken Munro, Tricia Steenson; Lock Up: Bob King; Readers:
Phil & Val McVie & TBA; Servers: Tricia Steenson, Rose Roy, Joan Lukow; Special
Prayers: David Lidster, Joan Lukow

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WORSHIP this Christmas Season

This Afternoon Final Advent Quiet Prayer service, 4 p.m.

Christmas Eve Many Ages Pageant, 4 p.m.

Holy Eucharist, 7 p.m.

Christmas Day Holy Eucharist, 10 a.m.

Christmas 1, Dec 30 Morning services as usual at 8 and 10 a.m.

IN 2019, WATCH FOR INFORMATION ON:

- SOUL FRIENDS, a second offering commences on Thursday, January 10. Please email David Lidster at davidlidster@shaw.ca to register
- a special SERVICE OF HEALING AND RECONCILIATION in the Spirit of Chant, Chart and Converse; Saturday January 12 from 10 a.m. till 1 p.m. Lunch is included
- The IRONMAN CHALLENGE, Sunday January 20 after the 10 a.m. service
- The LUA LUAU, Lutheran, United and Anglican Churches together, Saturday February 9 at mid-day
- Our ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING following the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, February 10
- And the ever-popular LENTEN LUNCHEON LECTURES commencing Thursday March 7 at 12:15 p.m. for six consecutive weeks

Christmas Poinsettias are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of

Reid Albright	By Verna Albright
Dulcie Brown & Barbara Pacey	By Verna Albright/Bob & Jo-Mary Hunter
Norm & Grace Atkinson	By the Atkinson Family
Handford family	By Norm & Grace Atkinson
Loved ones	By Sue Cane, Debbie, Richard, Jennifer, Lily, & Hannah
Irene Edgeworth & loved ones	By Bert Edgeworth
Loved ones	By Bud & Jo-Lynn Forbes
Our parents	By Jim & Diane Freathy
In joyful remembrance of our parents	By Joy & George Fudge
Jack & Tip Beecher	By Mary Gowans and Family
Bev & Barbara Hobbs	By Brian, Diana, Michaela & Elena Hobbs
In loving memory of Carole and Maureen	By Diana Hobbs
Dad and Grandpa Bob Bowman	By the Hobbs Family

My parents, Laura & Eddie Maloney & my brother Ted Maloney	By Margaret Holley
My parents	Elizabeth Holmes
Families Lorayne & Russell, Robert	By Bob & Jo-Mary Hunter
George Wilmot	By his wife, Linda Jackson
James & Clarissa Kavanagh	By Elizabeth
Parents Vic & Ena King; Josh & Eileen Denny	By Bob & Pat King
In joyful remembrance of Phil Knox	By Jean Knox and family, Jack, Margaret, Betty
George Lamperson	By Gwyneth Lamperson
Rose Leckey with love from her family	By Mary Leckey
In loving memory of our husbands Darrel & Trevor	By Rae, Bridget and families
Our parents Murray & Mary Dingwall, sisters Marian & Shirley, Brothers Gordon, Ellsworth & George	By Red & Janet MacKay & Claire & Lloyd Williams
Parents George & Margaret MacKay, brother Dave, and sister Peggy	By George (Red) MacKay
Jerry Danyluk	By Janet & daughters Paige & Avery
Our parents, brothers and sisters	By Gloria & Mickey Martino
In loving memory of Dean	By Wendy & the McLean Family
In memory of our loved ones	By Phil & Val McVie
Our loved ones	By Ken & Laura Munro
Dwight's parents Frank & Dora; Islay's Dad Don, and sister-in-law Karen	By Dwight & Islay
Derek & Elizabeth Parkes, Barbara & Andy Brown, Shirley Brown and Eric Brown	By Elaine & Roger Parkes
Mary & Joseph Wolbaum, Cindy Wolbaum, Robert & Gerry Patch, Daniel, Edith & Albert Findlay	By Carol, Randy Patch & family

Murray Roy, Bradley Roy, Mathew Zimmerman, Adele & Luigi Buttazzoni; Mirco Lizz, Catarina Lizzi, Maria and Vittorio Lizzi

By Rose and Rob Roy,
Cecely & Annan

In memory of Mary Stainton

By Colleen Stainton

In memory of Shirley Martin

By Paul Weir and Sandra Martin

Dr. O. Weir, affectionately *Dad Weir*

By Paul Weir and Sandra Martin

The Christmas Memorial Wreath is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my mother Edna Normand and Aunt Elsie Dudley by Susie Haughton

Christmas Flowers on the Chapel Altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our two darling sons James Ian & Richard Stephen, forever in our hearts, by Mom & Dad, Jim & Margaret Mitchell

DECEMBER OUTREACH FOCUS - Clergy Discretionary Fund

An area of significant outreach done on behalf of the Cathedral Community is through the Clergy Discretionary Fund. Administered by the Dean, and through your generous support, people can stay in their home, continue to access utilities (heat, hydro, etc), have their children appropriately dressed for the winter months and access special services. The needs of folks both known and unknown to us are assessed and triaged and in most cases responded to in a timely fashion.

The fund is a confidential benevolent funding source. During 2018 it has made a significant difference in the lives of individuals and families, many of whom without this support might have spiraled into crisis. Our approach is for the most part, preventative in nature and strategy.

The Fund is also utilized to assist parishioners in attending conferences, retreats and courses that might otherwise be prohibitive because of cost. Gifts of special support and gratitude are sometimes funded from this source. At other times the fund supplies unique and un-budgeted needs for programme in our parish life.

Thank you for your trust and generous support so that important ministry can be offered on Christ's behalf through us. Dean Ken+