

ST. BARNABAS ANGLICAN CHURCH
CHRISTMAS EVE, 2008 10:30 pm
The Book of Common Prayer and the Book of Common Praise.

Christmas at Midnight

(lights dimmed)

*The church is in darkness to begin the Service.
Tapers are lit by choir members and the light is passed on.*

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.

Prelude Music:

Duet: "Mary's Little Boy Child" (Hairston) Meghan Hall & Suzanne Roberts

Solo: "The Birthday of a King" (Neidlinger) David Dickinson

Solo: "I Wonder as I Wander" Christopher Hall and John Hall - Organ

Quartet: "In the Bleak Mid Winter" (Drake)
Meghan Hall, Margaret Hall, Christopher Hall and John Hall

Processional Hymn No. 120

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (St. Louis)

Lighting of the Christ Candle *(please see insert)*

As the Christ candle is lit, let us give our silent thanks to God.

Prayer of the Nativity

Celebrant: The Glory of the Lord has been revealed.

Response: And all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

Placing of the baby Jesus in the Creche Scene.

(Please extinguish tapers.)

Solo: "O Holy Night" (Adam) David Dickinson

Christmas Collect: Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the
brilliance of your one true light. As we have known the revelation of that
light on earth, bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Choir Anthem: "Hurry to Bethlehem" Larson

Old Testament Reading: **Isaiah 9:2-7** ² The people who walked in
darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
on them light has shined. ³ You have multiplied the nation, you have increased
its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when
dividing plunder. ⁴ For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their
shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.
⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son

given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Psalm 96 (chanted) p. 453

New Testament Reading: **Titus 2:11-14** ¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹² training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Gradual Hymn No. 138 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" (Mendelssohn)

The Holy Gospel: **Luke 2:1-20**

People's Response: Glory be to thee, O Lord (*sung*)

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ 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. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ 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. ⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ 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: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" ¹⁵ 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." ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ (*said*)

People's Response: Praise be to thee, O Christ (*sung*)

The Creed (said) p. 71

Homily: The Rev. Jagdutt Singh

The Offertory Hymn No. No. 139 vss. 1-4

“The First Nowell”

(The First Nowell)

Intercessions:

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Confession and Absolution

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Thanksgiving and Consecration

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The Communion

Hymn of Prayer and Reflection No. 119 Please kneel or sit as we sing “Silent Night” – the tapers will be lit and the Church will be in darkness - a time for reflection.

(Please come up the centre isle, kneel or stand the full length of the Altar rail, when you have communicated leave through the left or right door and down the side aisles to your seats.)

Communion Hymns: No. 148 “See Amid the Winter’s Snow” (See Amid)

No. 126 “Away in a Manger” (Cradle Song)

No. 140 “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” (Carol)

No. 137 “What Child Is This” (Greensleeves)

Lord’s Prayer & Prayer of Thanksgiving p. 85

Hymn No. 135 *(in place of the Gloria)*

“Shepherds in the Field Abiding”

(Iris)

Blessing and Dismissal

Recessional Hymn No. 154

“Joy to the World”

(Antioch)

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**The altar flowers are given by Ilene Roberts in loving memory of my grandparents and family members who have passed away.**

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Presiding:

The Rev. Jagdutt Singh

Organist:

Margaret Kosa

St. Barnabas Choir

Lay Assistants:

Neil Mackenzie & Jill Stroud

Server:

Brenda Watts

Crucifer:

Suzanne Roberts

Altar Guild:

Pat Gregory, Alice King and Lyn Innes

Sidespeople:

Tim Holgate’s Team