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**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**2011**

*Church of the Advent*



**The Holy Eucharist with Carols**  
**for Christmas Eve 2010 - 10:00 p.m.**  
**CHURCH OF THE ADVENT**  
*The Anglican Parish of Colwood and Langford*

*All are welcome and encouraged to share in the communion. At the very least, please come forward for a blessing.*

*Portions of the service tonight are sung to the music of Vancouver Musician Rupert Lang's CAROL MASS which uses the tunes of popular Christmas Carols. All inserted music is used with permission of the publisher*

*Portions of this bulletin are used on Christmas Day at 10:30 a.m.*

*Prelude music includes O Holy Night Katherine Rogers, flute*

**The Gathering of the Community**

**Carol**

*Once in royal David's city  
stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby  
in a manger for his bed.  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.*

*He came down to earth from heaven  
who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable,  
and his cradle was a stall.  
With the poor and mean and lowly  
lived on earth our Saviour holy.*

*Not in that poor lowly stable,  
with the oxen standing by,  
we shall see him, but in heaven,  
set at God's right hand on high,  
when, like stars, his children crowned  
all in white shall gather round.*

## The Christmas Candles are lit at this point

*Celebrant* As we light these candles, we thank God ...  
for the hope which is given to us,  
for the peace which God bestows,  
for the joy poured into our hearts,  
and for the love that redeems us and shows us the way.

*All* **We thank God for the gift of Jesus  
Now arrived in our midst.  
We thank God that through Christ  
light has come into the world  
and made it possible for us to see,  
and in seeing, to rejoice.  
We thank God for giving us in Christ,  
the gift of God's very self,  
incarnate, now and for ages to come,  
in the power of the Holy Spirit, Amen.**

*We sing together*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est heav - en, Peace to your peo - ple here on earth.

Al - might-y God, we wor - ship you, We give you thanks and praise your birth.

*Refrain*

Glo - - - - - ri - a, in excel - sis De - o! De - o!

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
*All* **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. Amen.

## The Proclamation of the Word

### The Readings

A reading from Isaiah 9:2-7)

*Sue Hamblin*

Reader Hear what the Spirit says to the Church  
People **Thanks be to God.**

### Antiphon Today Is Born Our Savior

*Sung by the Parish Choir—Katherine Rogers, flute  
Maureen Garry, trumpet—please join in the tune below  
after the cantor sings it first.*

**TODAY IS BORN OUR SAVIOR**

Psalm 96 Francis Patrick O'Brien

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: 'To - day is born our Sav - ior, born our Sav - ior, Christ the Lord. To - day is born our Sav - ior, born our Sav - ior, Christ the Lord.'

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A reading from Titus 2:11-14

*Carolyn Hamar*

Reader Hear what the Spirit says to the Church  
People **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand for the hymn and Gospel proclamation*

**Carol**

*Born in the night,  
Mary's child,  
a long way from your home:  
coming in need,  
Mary's child,  
born in a borrowed room.*

*Clear shining light,  
Mary's child,  
your face lights up our way:  
light of the world,  
Mary's child,  
dawn on our darkened day.*

Reader The Lord be with you.  
People **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke 2:1-20 *Kathy Middleton*  
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,*

Reader The Gospel of Christ.  
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Truth of our life,  
Mary's child,  
you tell us God is good:  
prove it is true,  
Mary's child.  
Go to your cross of wood.*

*Hope of the world,  
Mary's child,  
you're coming soon to reign:  
king of the earth,*

*Mary's child,  
walk in our streets again.*

**Sermon**

*Rev. Ken Gray*

**Carol**

*Infant holy, infant lowly,  
for his bed a cattle stall;  
oxen lowing, little knowing  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing,  
nowells ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the babe is Lord of all,  
Christ the babe is Lord of all*

*Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping  
vigil till the morning new  
saw the glory, heard the story,  
tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,  
praises voicing greet tomorrow:  
Christ the babe was born for you,  
Christ the babe was born for you!*

**The Nicene Creed**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our faith, as we say,  
*All* **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 human.**

**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.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

*Rev. Ken Gray*

### **Confession and Absolution**

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

*Celebrant* 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. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*The offertory is received at this point. Your generous support of our mission and ministry here in the Western Communities and elsewhere is greatly appreciated.*

*Your sidespersons tonight are Barney and Jose Pereña Pratt*

### **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

#### **Carol**

*See amid the winter's snow,  
born for us on earth below,  
see, the tender Lamb appears,  
promised from eternal years!*

*Refrain Hail, thou ever blessed morn!  
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!  
Sing through all Jerusalem:  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.*

*Lo, within a manger lies  
he who built the starry skies,  
who enthroned in height sublime  
sits amid the cherubim. Refrain*

*Say, ye holy shepherds, say  
what your joyful news today;*

*wherefore have ye left your sheep  
on the lonely mountain steep?*      **Refrain**

*"As we watched at dead of night,  
lo, we saw a wondrous light;  
angels, singing' Peace on earth'  
told us of the Saviour's birth."*      **Refrain**

*Sacred infant, all divine,  
what a mighty love was thine,  
thus to come from highest bliss  
down to such a world as this!*      **Refrain**

### **The Prayer over the Gifts**

*Celebrant* Source of light and gladness,  
Accept all we offer on this joyous feast,  
May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours,  
For he is Lord, now and for ever.  
*People*      **Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People*      **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People*      **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

*Celebrant* It is right to give you thanks and praise,  
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,  
you are worthy of glory and praise.  
*People*      **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant* At your command all things came to be:  
the vast expanse of interstellar space,  
galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,  
and this fragile earth, our island home;  
by your will they were created  
and have their being.  
*People*      **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant* From the primal elements  
you brought forth the human race,  
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill;  
you made us the stewards of creation.

*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant* But we turn against you,  
and betray your trust;  
and we turn against one another.  
Again and again you call us to return.  
Through the prophets and sages  
you reveal your righteous law.  
In the fullness of time you sent your Son,  
born of a woman, to be our Saviour.  
He was wounded for our transgressions,  
and bruised for our iniquities.  
By his death he opened to us  
the way of freedom and peace.

*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant* Therefore we praise you,  
joining with the heavenly chorus,  
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,  
and with those in every generation  
who have looked to you in hope,  
to proclaim with them your glory,  
in their unending hymn:

Sussex Carol

*Introduction* Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly Lord, Ho - ly God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Glo - ry to You, O Lord most high.  
*mf* Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
*Broadly* *rit.* *ff* *molto rit.*  
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, Lord our God,  
for sending us Jesus, the Christ,  
who on the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
took bread, said the blessing,  
broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said,  
"Take this, and eat it: this is my body  
which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper,  
he took the cup of wine;  
he gave you thanks, 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."

*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant* Gracious God,  
we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,  
we proclaim his resurrection and ascension,  
and we look with expectation for his coming  
as Lord of all the nations.  
We who have been redeemed by him,  
and made a new people by water and the Spirit,  
now bring you these gifts.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon this offering of your Church,  
that we who eat and drink at this holy table  
may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant* Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth  
and make it your new creation.  
Gather your Church together  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,  
where peace and justice are revealed,  
that we, with all your people,  
of every language, race, and nation,  
may share the banquet you have promised;

through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,  
all honour and glory are yours,  
creator of all.

*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,  
**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us 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**

*Celebrant* 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.**

### **The Communion**

*All are welcome and encouraged to share in the communion. If this is not your custom or comfort, please come forward for a Christmas Blessing. Again, ALL are welcome*

*Distributors: Dianne Langdon, Nancy Baal, and Garry Olmstead*

*Music during communion includes a quartet comprising Maureen Garry & family*

*As communion finishes, and the choir sings an anthem **Sing Gloria! (A Song for Christmas)** (M. Hayes) the light is passed from the Christ Candle to the congregation*

## Prayer after Communion and Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Creator of all,  
Tonight you have united earth and heaven,  
In sending your Son to take our human nature.  
May we who have tasted Holy things  
Share in the life of his eternal kingdom,  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord

*People* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Glory to God,  
*All* **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.**

## Carol

*Silent night! Holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night! Holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight:  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing alleluia,  
Christ the Saviour is born.*

*Silent night! Holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light  
radiant beams from thy holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.*

## A Christmas Blessing

## Carol

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem:  
come and behold him, born the king of angels;  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

*God of God, Light of Light,  
lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;  
very God, begotten not created:  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
glory to God in the highest:  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

*See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,  
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;  
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

*Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

*Special thanks to Mary Rogers and the Parish Choir  
for their offerings this evening*

*All of us here at the Church of the Advent  
wish you a Blessed and Joy-filled Christmas.*

## THE CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

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*The Right Reverend James A. J. Cowan, Bishop*  
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***Sunday Services*** are at 8:30 a.m. (Traditional Rite) and at  
10:00 a.m. (Contemporary with Children's Activity)

A weekly service of ***Holy Communion*** occurs  
Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

***Jazz Vespers*** occurs on the Third Sunday evening of each  
month at 7:00 p.m.

***Centering Prayer*** occurs each Saturday morning at 9:30  
a.m. in the Chapel

***Office Hours*** are Monday through Friday from 9:30-Noon

### *OUR MISSION STATEMENT*

***We strive to be an open and affirming  
community of Christians welcoming anyone  
seeking companionship, spiritual nourishment,  
opportunity for worship and, as Christ directs  
us, to engage with and provide for the poor and  
vulnerable in local and global communities.***