

*Church of St. James the Apostle
Montreal*



*Advent 4
Service of Lessons and Carols*

*December 18th 2011
"A Place to Explore Faith"*

Meditation on the Divinity of our Lord

Prelude:

Processional Hymn: 89 Veni Emmanuel

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Priest: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

All: **Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly.**

Priest: The angel said to her, "Don't be afraid, Mary; God has been gracious to you. You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God. The Lord God will make him a king, as his ancestor David was, and he will be the king of the decedents of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end. *(Luke 1: 30-33)*

Reader: We light this candle to remind us of Mary, who was willing, first of all people, to let the light of the Lord shine through her and bring the Saviour to the world. Because of her faithfulness and love, Jesus, the Messiah, was born to us.

The fourth candle is lit.

Priest: Let us pray.
Father, you called Mary to be the mother of your Son, so that the world could be saved and brought to new birth. Help us to also bring the light of Christ to birth wherever there is darkness and despair, and to work for the coming of your kingdom.

All: **Amen.**

The Prophecy

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7 **Harry Turton**

Christ's birth and kingdom foretold by Isaiah.

Hymn:109 (arr. Elizabeth Poston) Tempus Adest Floridium

Solo: "Comfort Ye My People, saithEvery Valley Shall be Exalted"
("Messiah") – G.F. Handel David Menzies – Tenor

Comfort ye My people, saith your God;
Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem,
And cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished,
That her iniquity is pardoned.
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. (*Isaiah 40: 1-3*)

Every valley shall be exalted,
And every mountain and hill made low;
The crooked straight and the rough places plain. (*Isaiah 40: 4*)

The Annunciation

Let us pray.

V: The angel of the Lord announced unto Mary,
and she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

R: Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with thee.

***Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the
fruit of thy womb, Jesus.***

V: Behold the handmaid of the Lord;

R: Be it unto me according to thy word.

V: And the Word was made Flesh.*

R: And dwelt among us.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts: that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an Angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

Second Reading: Luke 1: 26-38 **Children**

*Emma Luprano (Narrator), Kirsten Hesselbo (Gabriel)
Ella Luprano (Mary), Thomas Gilsenan (Joseph)
Krystal Legall-Farrell (Angel), Nophia Farrell (Angel)
Nyla Rose Green (Angel), Chadé Green (Angel)
Sophie Gilsenan (Angel), Thomas Hesselbo (Shepherd)
Karina Hesselbo (Shepherd) & the Sheep*

The Angel Gabriel salutes the Virgin Mary

Hymn: 362 Woodlands

Aria and Chorus: “O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings”
 (“Messiah”) – Handel Christine Harel – Alto

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion,
Get thee up into the high mountain.
O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem,
Lift up thy voice with strength;
Lift it up, be not afraid;
Say unto the cities of Judah,
Behold your God! (*Isaiah 40: 9*)

Arise, shine, for thy Light is come,
And the glory of the Lord
Is risen upon thee. (*Isaiah 60: 1*)

The Birth of Christ

Let us pray: Unto us a Son is born.

V: Blessed be he who cometh in the name of the Lord.

R: God is the Lord who hath showed us the light;

V: Glory be to God in the highest,

R: And on earth, peace, goodwill towards all men. Alleluia.

Grant we beseech thee, O Lord, our God, that we who with gladness greet the birthday of our Saviour, may walk more worthily with Him and attain thereafter to the stillness of His presence, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **AMEN.**

Third Reading: Luke 2:1-20 **Children**

St. Luke tells of the Birth of Jesus.

Hymn: 136 Winchester Old

Aria: Schlafe, mein Liebster (“Christmas Oratorio”) – J. S. Bach
Catharine Murray – Mezzo-Soprano

Slumber, beloved, and take Thy repose,
Soon wilt Thou waken, our joy and salvation,
O! may Thy breast find gladness and rest
In our heartfelt exultation.

Fourth Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 **Leslie West**

Having nothing and yet possessing all things.

Hymn: 140 Carol

Echo Aria: Flosst, mein Heiland (“Christmas Oratorio”) – J. S. Bach
Catherine Brunelle and Ashley Baker – Sopranos

Ah! My Saviour, I entreat Thee,
Tell me, should I fear to greet Thee?
Should Thy Name inspire dismay?
Nay, Thou Saviour sayest nay.
Should I now from death be flying?
Nay, Thou dost in mercy say;
Or before Thy face be joying?
Yea, Thou Saviour sayest yea.

Manifestation of Christ to the World

Let us pray:

V: All they from Sheba shall come.

R: They shall bring gold and incense and shall show forth the Praises of the Lord.

V: The Wise Men, beholding the Star, said one to another:
“This is the Sign of a Mighty King.”

R: Let us go forth and seek Him, and let us offer Him gifts, gold, incense and myrrh.

Grant, we beseech thee Almighty God, that we on whom is poured the new light of the Incarnate Word may in our life show forth a splendour which shines in our hearts by faith, through the same Jesus Christ Our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost; ever one God, world without end. **AMEN.**

Fifth Reading: Matthew 2:1-11 **Lee Bryant Greyfeather**

The Wise Men are led by the Star to Jesus.

Hymn: 160 (arr. D. Willcocks, P 9.) Dix

Anthem: “We Three Kings” – Hopkins arr. Drakeford
Gabriele Spina , Dion Lewis, Marc Belleau - Baritones

Sixth Reading: John 1:1-14 **The Rev. Canon Linda Borden Taylor**

St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

Motet: Verbum Caro – John Sheppard (1515-1559)
Cantor: Pamela Selkirk- Soprano

The word was made flesh and dwelt among us; and we beheld His glory as of the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, And the Word was God.

Christmas Day, 9th Respond at Matins

Offertory Hymn: 139 (arr. D. Willcocks, P 126.) The First Nowell

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: 138 (arr. D. Willcocks, P 40.) Mendlesohn

Dismissal

Voluntary:

We welcome to St. James the Apostle all who are attending the services today.

After the 11:00 a.m. service you are invited to share in a time of fellowship and refreshments in Shatford Hall.



If you would like to make a donation for flowers for the Altar at Christmas, please see Leslie West or call the office.

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Praying for People and Places at Home and Around the World:

Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury; Fred Hiltz, Primate;
Claude Miller, Metropolitan; Barry Clarke, Bishop;
Canon Linda Taylor, Incumbent; The Rev'd. Robert Camara, Curate; The Ven.
Peter D. Hannen, and The Rev'd. Prof. Patricia G. Kirkpatrick,
our Honorary Assistants.

We Continue Our Prayerful Support For:

Ziva Landau, June Russo, Joanne Lalonde, Leon Ryan, Glenn, Joan, Beryl
Thompson, Jean Crowe, O'Shay Vanloo, Nigel Tull, Hilda Broderick, Gillian Groves,
Derek Eadie, Cynthia Neptune, Kofo Dedeke, Daniel Boutin, Maurice Duciamé,
Charlene Meredith, Cicely Peters, Elsie Tait, Marina, Dorothy Cooper-McCullough,
Francine Allaire, Michele, Mackie & family, Pauline Foley, and Mally Sams.

Advent Chapel Dec. 1st – 24th

An oasis of calm in a hectic shopping mall.

Every **Thursday through Sunday**, the Diocese will be opening the doors of the old Diocesan Bookroom, in the Promenades de la Cathedral Mall under Christ Church Cathedral, to the general public for a place of calm, prayer, and hospitality as the “**Advent Chapel**” If you are able to volunteer to help greet people, or want more information, please speak to one of the clergy.



Looking Forward



Sat. Dec. 24th **10:00 pm** **Christmas Eve**
Sung Eucharist with Harps

Preacher: The Rev. Canon Linda Borden Taylor

Sun Dec. 25th **10:00 am** **Christmas Day**
Holy Communion

Preacher: The Ven. Peter D. Hannen

Church Wardens

Rector's Warden: Lorna Titterton
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People's Warden: Herb Alleyne
Deputy People's Warden: Andrew Cook-Jolicoeur

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Greeters Today

Michael Smith, Leonard Leslie,
Sheliah Turner, Jocelyn Marshall-Thomas

Server

George Karanja

Mission Statement

As a community of Anglican Christians set in the heart of Montreal,
we are called to nurture our common faith and life through prayer,
sacraments, Christian teaching, fellowship, and to relate to the
wider community by sharing faith and responding to needs.

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Services

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. Bible Study **(to resume on Jan. 8th 2012)**
11:00 a.m. Sung Holy Communion
Matins every third & fifth Sunday.

Wednesday: 12:15 p.m Bread for the Body, Food for the Soul
A bowl of soup and reflective readings. All are welcome.
(to resume on Jan. 11th 2012)

The Rev'd. Canon Linda Borden Taylor – Incumbent
The Rev'd. Robert Camara - Curate
The Ven. Peter D. Hannen – Hon. Asst.
The Rev'd. Prof. Patricia G. Kirkpatrick - Hon. Asst.
Scott Bradford – Director of Music
Mark McDonald – Assistant Organist
Harry Turton , Michel Gagnon – Lay Readers
Glenda Pietrantonio – Administrative Assistant
Gordon McCullough - Sexton

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