

*Church of St. James the Apostle
Montreal*



*Christmas Eve
December 24th 2011*

Holy Communion

Prelude: "Trace d'Ange" Robin Grenon
Duo Harp: Gisele Guibord, Robin Grenon

Introit: "Once in Royal David's City" (*hymn 123*)
Ashley Baker -Soprano

Processional Hymn: 118 Adeste Fideles

The Gathering of the Community

The Opening Acclamation

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Priest: Unto us a child is born.

All: Unto us a Son is given.

Priest: The Word was the source of life, and this life brought light to all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out. The Word became a human being and, full of grace and truth, lived among us. We saw his glory, the glory which he received as the Father's only Son. (*John 1:4-5, 14*)

Reader: We light this candle to remind us of the great light that comes at last with the birth of Jesus, the Word of God made human for us. As we welcome the Christ this night, we offer ourselves as a sign of his transforming love to all the world.

The Christmas candle is lit.

Priest: Let us pray.

O God, your love was so great for us that you gave us your Son to shine out in our darkness. Help us to make that love known to all whom we meet, through Jesus Christ the light of all people.

All: Amen.

Gloria

Wm. Mathias

Collect of the Day

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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.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

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.
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.
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.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders;

and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
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 onwards and for evermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Anthem: "Sunny Bank" Peter Hurford (b. 1930)

As I sat on a sunny bank,
On Christmas Day in the morning,
I spied three ships come sailing by,
On Christmas Day in the morning.
And who should be with those three ships,
But Joseph and his fair lady!
O he did whistle, and she did sing,
On Christmas in the morning.
And all the bells on earth did ring,
For joy that our Saviour he was born.
On Christmas Day in the morning. *Traditional Words*

The Epistle: Titus 2: 11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. 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: 136 Winchester Old

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel: Luke 2: 1-20

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.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Harps: The Chimes - J. Harbison

Sermon: The Rev'd. Canon Linda Borden Taylor

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Prayers of the People # 13 P 120

Confession & Absolution P 191

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Offertory Hymn: 135 Iris (arr. E. Lagace)

The Celebration of the Eucharist

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Source of light and gladness, accept all we offer on this joyful feast. May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours; for he is Lord now and forever.

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Sanctus Wm. Mathias

The Lord's Prayer Merbecke P 211

The Breaking of the Bread # 6 P 212

Agnus Dei Wm. Renwick

Communion: Harps: “Celtic Lullaby” - Scottish/Welsh

Choir: “The Angels Sing Around the Stall” R.R. Terry

Hymn: 153 “In Dulci Jubilo”

Candle Lighting

After all have received Holy Communion, we shall light our candles in honour of the Christ Child and kneel to sing Hymn 119 – Silent Night. At the conclusion of the hymn, the candles are extinguished and all stand for the concluding prayers of thanksgiving and the blessing. Please hand the candles and holders to the sidespersons after the service.

Hymn: 119 “Stille Nacht “

Prayer after Communion

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

The Doxology

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: 154 Antioch (Descant-J. Rutter)

The Dismissal

Voluntary: “Bring a Torch” Jeannette Isabella – Noel de Saboly

Duo Harp: Gisele Guibord, Robin Grenon



*Canon Linda, Robert, the Staff,
and Wardens of St. James the
Apostle would like to wish you a
Blessed and Joyful Christmas.*

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, Daniel Boutin, Maurice Ducieme, Charlene Meredith, Cicely Peters,
Elsie Tait, Marina, Dorothy Cooper-McCullough, Francine Allaire, Michele, Mackie
& family, Pauline Foley, and Mally Sams.

*The flowers in the church are to the glory of
God and in loving memory of Raymond Lawrence
Borden, Lilian, Emma and John Austin, Gordon
Turner, Helen & Harold Titterton, Sylvia
and James Turton, Gomez Hodge, Eva Parent,
Oil Low How, and Colleen Rodrigues.*



Looking Forward

Sun. Dec. 25th 10:00 am Christmas Day
Holy Communion
Preacher: The Ven. Peter D. Hannen

Sun. Jan. 1st 11:00 am The Naming of Jesus
Morning Prayer
Preacher: Mr. Harry Turton – Lay Reader

Evelyn, Sheilah and Lorna would like to thank everyone who contributed to the
success of our annual Christmas Bake Sale
and Luncheon last Saturday.

More than **\$2,300.00** was raised towards our General Funds!

Church Wardens

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

Advisory Board

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Leslie West

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Greeters Today

Michael Smith, Andrew Selman,
Chelsford Lewis, Lloyd Bernard, Nat Green

Lay Ministrant

Leslie West

Server

Lee Bryant Greyfeather

Readers

Gabriele Spina, Rachael Chapman

Prayers of the People

Rachael Chapman

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
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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