

Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council

Église Unie Plymouth-Trinity United Church

Sunday, December 31, 2023 / Dimanche, 31 décembre, 2023

1st Sunday after Christmas / 1^e dimanche après Noël
in-person only / en présentiel

A special service of hymns, carols, and short readings,
with Leslie Young leading

Lectures/Reader: Barbara Hedges

Prelude

Greetings & Welcome

Gathering Song VU 36

Angels from the realms of glory

v1) Angels, from the realms of
glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain

*Come and worship, come and
worship,
worship Christ, the newborn
king.*

v2) Shepherds, in the field
abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by
night,
God with us is now residing,
yonder shines the infant Light:
Refrain

Prélude

Accueil & salutations

Chant de rassemblement

v3) Sages, leave your
contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star:

Refrain

v4) Saints before the altar
bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear:

Refrain

Acknowledgement of the land

For thousands of years, First Nations peoples have walked on this land; their relationship with creation is at the centre of their lives and spirituality.

At Plymouth-Trinity, we are gathered on the traditional unceded territory of the Abenaki and acknowledge their stewardship of the land throughout the ages.

As we strive to better educate ourselves and work towards reconciliation, we commit to live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with its peoples.

Reconnaissance du territoire

Des millénaires durant, les peuples des Premières Nations ont marché sur cette terre; leur relation avec la création est au centre de leur vie et de leur spiritualité.

À Plymouth-Trinity, nous nous rassemblons sur le territoire traditionnel non cédé des Abénaquis et nous reconnaissons leurs soins à la terre, depuis des temps immémoriaux.

Nous nous efforcerons à mieux nous éduquer ainsi qu'à œuvrer pour la réconciliation ; nous nous engageons aussi à vivre avec respect sur cette terre et à vivre dans la paix et l'amitié avec les êtres qui l'habitent.

Opening Hymn VU 44

**It came upon the midnight
clear**

v1) It came upon the midnight
clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the
earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to
all,
from heaven's all-gracious
King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.

v2) Still through the cloven skies
they come
with peaceful wings unfurled;
and still their heavenly music
floats
o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains,
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

v3) Yet with the woes of sin and
strife
the world has suffered long;
beneath the angel strain have
rolled
two thousand years of wrong;
and warring humankind hears not
the love song which they bring.
O hush the noise, and cease your
strife,
to hear the angels sing.

v4) For lo! the days are hastening
on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the
earth
its ancient splendours fling,
and the whole world send back
the song
which now the angels sing.

Reading

Psalm 148

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host! Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created. He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command! Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Lecture

Psaume 148

Alléluia ! Louez le Seigneur depuis les cieux : louez-le dans les hauteurs ; louez-le, vous tous ses anges ; louez-le, vous toute son armée; louez-le, soleil et lune; louez-le, vous toutes les étoiles brillantes ; louez-le, vous les plus élevés des cieux, et vous les eaux qui êtes par-dessus les cieux.

Qu'ils louent le nom du Seigneur, car il commanda, et ils furent créés. Il les établit à tout jamais ; il fixa des lois qui ne passeront pas.

Louez le Seigneur depuis la terre: dragons et vous tous les abîmes, feu et grêle, neige et brouillard, vent de tempête exécutant sa parole, montagnes et toutes les collines, arbres fruitiers et tous les cèdres, bêtes sauvages et tout le bétail, reptiles et oiseaux, rois de la terre et tous les peuples, princes et tous les chefs de la terre, jeunes gens, vous aussi jeunes filles, vieillards et enfants !

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

Hymn VU 76

See amid the winter's snow

v1) 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 blessèd morn;
hail, redemption's happy dawn;
sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.*

v2) Lo, within a manger lies
God who built the starry skies,
who enthroned in height sublime
sits amid the cherubim.

Refrain

Qu'ils louent le nom du Seigneur, car son nom est sublime, lui seul, sa splendeur domine la terre et les cieux.

Il a relevé le front de son peuple.
Louange pour tous ses fidèles, les fils d'Israël, le peuple qui lui est proche ! Alléluia !

v3) Say, ye holy shepherds, say
what your joyful news today;
Wherefore have ye left your

sheep
on the lonely mountain steep?

Refrain

v4) “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

v5) Sacred infant, all divine,
what a mighty love was thine,
thus to come from highest bliss
down to such a world as this!

Reading

Revelation 21:1-4

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

Lecture

Apocalypse 21 : 1 - 4

Alors je vis un ciel nouveau et une terre nouvelle, car le premier ciel et la première terre ont disparu et la mer n'est plus.

Et la cité sainte, la Jérusalem nouvelle, je la vis qui descendait du ciel, d'auprès de Dieu, comme une épouse qui s'est parée pour son époux.

Et j'entendis, venant du trône, une voix forte qui disait : Voici la demeure de Dieu avec les hommes. Il demeurera avec eux. Ils seront ses peuples et lui sera le Dieu qui est avec eux.

Il essuiera toute larme de leurs yeux. La mort ne sera plus. Il n'y aura plus ni deuil, ni cri, ni souffrance, car le monde ancien a disparu.

Hymn

VU 55

In the bleak midwinter

v1) In the bleak midwinter,
frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone:
snow had fallen,
snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter,
long ago.

v2) Our God, heaven cannot hold
 him,
nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away
when he comes to reign;
in the bleak midwinter
a stable place sufficed
the Lord God Almighty,
Jesus Christ.

v3) Enough for him, whom
 cherubim
worship night and day,
a breast full of milk,
and a manger full of hay.
Enough for him,
whom angels fall down before,
the ox and ass and camel
which adore.

v4) What can I give him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man
I would do my part,
yet what I can I give him
-- give my heart.

Reading

Galatians 4: 4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir through God.

Lecture

Galates 4 : 4 – 7

Mais, quand est venu l’accomplissement du temps, Dieu a envoyé son Fils, né d’une femme et assujetti à la loi, pour payer la libération de ceux qui sont assujettis à la loi, pour qu’il nous soit donné d’être fils adoptifs. Fils, vous l’êtes bien : Dieu a envoyé dans nos cœurs l’Esprit de son Fils, qui crie : Abba – Père ! Tu n’es donc plus esclave, mais fils ; et, comme fils, tu es aussi héritier : c’est l’œuvre de Dieu.

Prayer

We bless you, Abba,
Father/Mother,

For you have visited your people
as one of us, and in human
fragility you have revealed the
face of diversity.

Gather into your arms all the
peoples of the world, so that in
your embrace we may find
blessings, peace, and the fullness
of our inheritance as your
daughters and sons. Amen.

Prière

Nous te bénissons, Abba,
Papa/Maman, car c'est comme
l'un d'entre nous que tu as visité
ton peuple ; et dans la fragilité de
l'humain, tu as révélé le visage de
la diversité.

Rassemble dans tes bras tous les
peuples de la terre, afin que dans
ton embrassade, nous puissions
trouver les bénédictions, la paix
et la pleine mesure de notre
héritage en tant que tes filles et
tes fils. Amen.

Hymn

VU 58

Infant holy, infant lowly

v1) 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,
noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is born for all!
Christ the babe is born for all!

v2) 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 the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you!
Christ the babe was born for you!

Reading

Luke 2:22-40

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 turtledoves 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.

Lecture

Luc 2 : 22 - 40

Puis quand vint le jour où, suivant la loi de Moïse, ils devaient être purifiés, ils l’amenèrent à Jérusalem pour le présenter au Seigneur – ainsi qu’il est écrit dans la loi du Seigneur : Tout garçon premier-né sera consacré au Seigneur – et pour offrir en sacrifice, suivant ce qui est dit dans la loi du Seigneur, un couple de tourterelles ou deux petits pigeons.

Or, il y avait à Jérusalem un homme du nom de Syméon. Cet homme était juste et pieux, il attendait la consolation d’Israël et l’Esprit Saint était sur lui. Il lui avait été révélé par l’Esprit Saint qu’il ne verrait pas la mort avant d’avoir vu le Christ du Seigneur.

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.”

Il vint alors au temple poussé par l’Esprit ; et quand les parents de l’enfant Jésus l’amenèrent pour faire ce que la Loi prescrivait à son sujet, il le prit dans ses bras et il bénit Dieu en ces termes :

« Maintenant, Maître, c’est en paix, comme tu l’as dit, que tu renvoies ton serviteur. Car mes yeux ont vu ton salut, que tu as préparé face à tous les peuples : lumière pour la révélation aux païens et gloire d’Israël ton peuple. »

Le père et la mère de l’enfant étaient étonnés de ce qu’on disait de lui. Syméon les bénit et dit à Marie sa mère : « Il est là pour la chute ou le relèvement de beaucoup en Israël et pour être un signe contesté – et toi-même, un glaive te transpercera l’âme ; ainsi seront dévoilés les débats de bien des cœurs. »

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 seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped 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.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him.

Il y avait aussi une prophétesse, Anne, fille de Phanuel, de la tribu d'Aser. Elle était fort avancée en âge ; après avoir vécu sept ans avec son mari, elle était restée veuve et avait atteint l'âge de quatre-vingt-quatre ans. Elle ne s'écartait pas du temple, participant au culte nuit et jour par des jeûnes et des prières. Survenant au même moment, elle se mit à célébrer Dieu et à parler de l'enfant à tous ceux qui attendaient la libération de Jérusalem.

Lorsqu'ils eurent accompli tout ce que prescrivait la loi du Seigneur, ils retournèrent en Galilée, dans leur ville de Nazareth. Quant à l'enfant, il grandissait et se fortifiait, tout rempli de sagesse, et la faveur de Dieu était sur lui.

Hymn VU 74

What child is this

v1) What Child is this, who, laid
to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems
sweet
while shepherds watch are
keeping?

Refrain

*This, this is Christ, the King,
whom shepherds guard and
angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
the Babe, the Son of Mary!*

v2) Why lies he in such mean
estate,
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners
here
the silent Word is pleading.

VU 74

Refrain

v3) So bring him incense, gold,
and myrrh,
come, one and all, to own him.
The King of Kings salvation
brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.

Refrain

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy
kingdom come, thy will be
done, on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread,**

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who
trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from
evil: For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Intercession

Le Notre Père

**Notre Père qui es aux cieux,
que ton nom soit sanctifié, que
ton règne vienne, que ta
volonté soit faite sur la terre
comme au ciel. Donne-nous
aujourd'hui notre pain de ce
jour. Pardonne-nous nos
offenses comme nous
pardonnons aussi à ceux qui
nous ont offensés.**

**Et ne nous soumets pas à la
tentation, mais délivre-nous du
mal. Car c'est à toi
qu'appartiennent le règne, la
puissance et la gloire, aux
siècles des siècles. Amen.**

Cantique **VU 38**

Les anges dans nos
montagnes

*v1) Les anges dans nos
campagnes
ont entonné l'hymne des cieux;
et l'écho de nos montagnes
redit ce chant mélodieux :*

*Refrain
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

*v2) Bergers, pour qui cette fête ?
Quel est l'objet de tous ces
chants ?
Quel vainqueur, quelle conquête
mérite ces cris triomphants ?*

Refrain

*v3) Ils annoncent la naissance
du libérateur d'Israël,
et pleins de reconnaissance
chantent en ce jour solennel :*

Refrain

Postlude

Postlude

** The prayers used in this service
are from the Vanderbilt
Lectionary*

All are welcome! Plymouth-Trinity wholeheartedly welcomes siblings from other communities of faith joining us from elsewhere in the St Francis Cluster and even beyond!

This is an in-person worship service only; there is NO Zoom broadcast today.

Il n'y a PAS de diffusion Zoom aujourd'hui.

We extend an especial welcome and thank you to Leslie Young and Barbara Hedges, who are responsible for today's worship service.

Merci à tous ceux et celles qui ont rendu ce culte possible par leurs talents et divers dons en temps et en argent.

Thank you to everyone who made this worship service possible by the gifts of their talents and skills, and time and money.

Nous accueillons avec joie les frères et sœurs qui proviennent des Eglise de la St François ou même d'ailleurs. Tout le monde est le bienvenu ! Vous êtes chez vous !

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