

Christmas Eve 2018

*We appreciate that you may arrive this evening
fragile or frazzled, joyful, grateful, grieving.
Whatever the state of your heart, know that
you are welcome here!*

Candle Lighting

*You are invited, as you wish, to light a candle
(as you arrive or in the midst of our singing) at one of the
stations around the sanctuary ... a quiet moment in which to
pray for a loved one, or some place or circumstance in our
world.*

Welcome to this celebration of Love coming close.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by; yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.



Opening Prayer

Commissioning and Blessing

Carol ~ Go Tell it On the Mountain

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and
everywhere.

Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light.

Go tell it ...

Down in a lonely manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent our salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.

Go tell it ...

Carol ~ Silent Night

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, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night. Holy night. Shepherds quake
at the sight: glories streams from heaven afar,
heavenly host sing Hallelujah.
Christ the saviour is born, 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, Jesus Lord, at thy birth.



Carol ~ O Come All Ye Faithful

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,
O come let us adore him,
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,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Luke 2: 1-7

Carol ~ What Child is This

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



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Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the Babe, the Son of Mary!

Luke 2: 8-14

Carol ~ Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in
excelsis Deo!



Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the newborn King.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Luke 2: 15-20

Reflection

Peace Child - solo

Words: Shirley Erena Murray

Music: Ron Klusmeier

Prayers

Offering our gifts

Carol ~ O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by; yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,
and gathered all above, while mortals sleep,
the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to all on earth.

We would appreciate the opportunity to send you weekly updates on the activities here at James Bay United Church. The broader congregation represents peoples of shared values who actively engage in the world around them seven days a week, not exclusively on Sunday morning. Our weekly newsletter speaks to a wide range of programs and activities that you may find yourself interested in.

SIGN UP for our "Keeping In Touch Notes" at: www.jamesbayunited.com or leave your name and email address with one of the greeters.

Thank you for coming today, your presence has made a difference and by your being here, we are changed.

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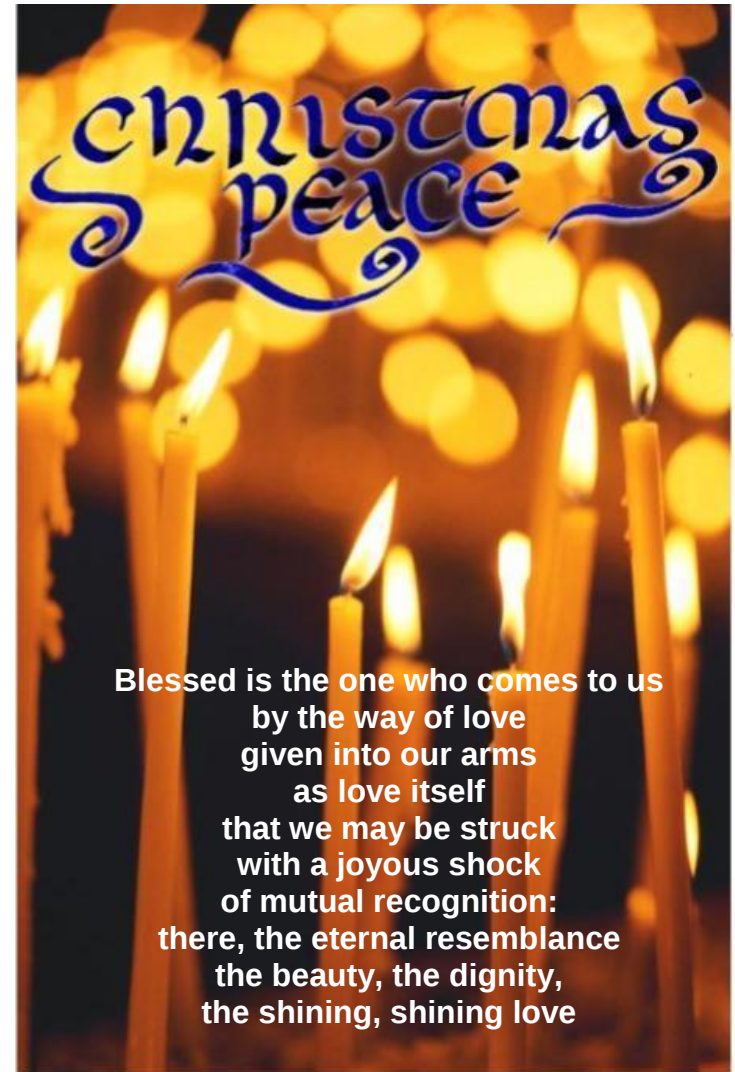
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