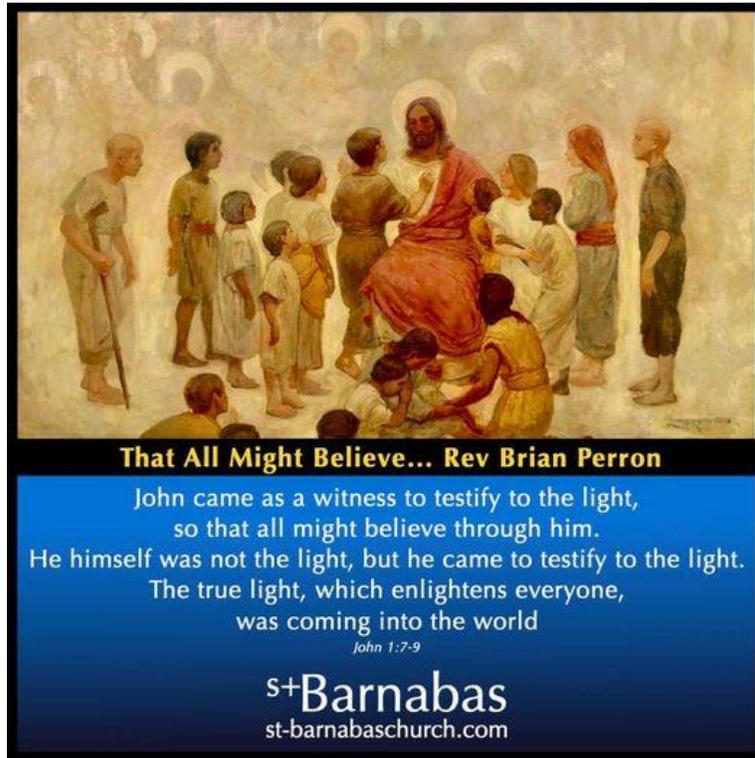


A family Christmas celebration | Une fête de Noël en famille
December 2020 | décembre 2020

We encourage you to follow along with the service bulletin that continues below.



Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them. *Mark 10:15-16*

Vraiment, je vous l'assure : celui qui ne reçoit pas le royaume de Dieu comme un petit enfant, n'y entrera pas. Là-dessus, il prit les enfants dans ses bras, posa les mains sur eux et les bénit. *Marc 10:15-16*

Welcome

Process of reopening: St-Barnabas was open again today, December 24th, for our 4pm and 7pm services. We were pleased to welcome within our maximum of 25 parishioners and guests. **However, due to the increase in new Covid Cases per day in Québec,** we believe that, in solidarity with our governments and for the safety of us all, that after our Christmas services, **we are postponing all services from Sunday, December 27th and expect to return on Sunday, January 10th.** During this time there will not be any online services as a way to give a much needed rest for our staff and volunteers.

Telephone and email will be monitored for emergencies.

We encourage you to visit our webpage for reruns of your favourite services:

http://www.st-barnabaschurch.com/sermon_archives - where we've been theologically

Church Offering Envelopes: The boxes have arrived. Let us know how we can get yours to you in the coming weeks; **please email us...** barnabas@bellnet.ca

More announcements and updates follow at the end of the service

Advent Five - LIGHTING OF THE FIFTH ADVENT CANDLE: The Christ Candle

During this season of Advent we become aware of our need for preparation, an ongoing process of seeking God through and beyond the liturgical season of Advent. In the lighting of the five candles represented in the advent wreath we will acknowledge these five important elements within our life; Hope, Peace, Joy, Love, and Jesus, the Christ. The Christ candle is at the center, not only of this wreath but of our lives. With Christ at our center we are filled with the Holy Spirit. Today allow Christ to reside deep within your heart and soul. Allow your faith to be strengthened by seeking an understanding of the word of God and its meaning for you today.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. - *Isaiah 9:6*

We light this candle to remind us that the light of the world was born this night. O Lord, Jesus the Christ is the Joy of the world. He is also called Emmanuel, for in him God is with us.

Let us pray - **O God of hope, peace, joy, and love. As Mary and Joseph welcomed you into the world, now help us welcome you into our lives. Give us courage to hope; strength to seek peace. Fill our spirits with joy; and our hearts with love. Through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all. Amen.**

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Opening Hymn - 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

Chorus: O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
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 (Chorus)

Sing, choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above
Glory to God
In the highest (Chorus)

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee
Born this happy morning
Jesu, to Thee be glory given
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing (Chorus)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

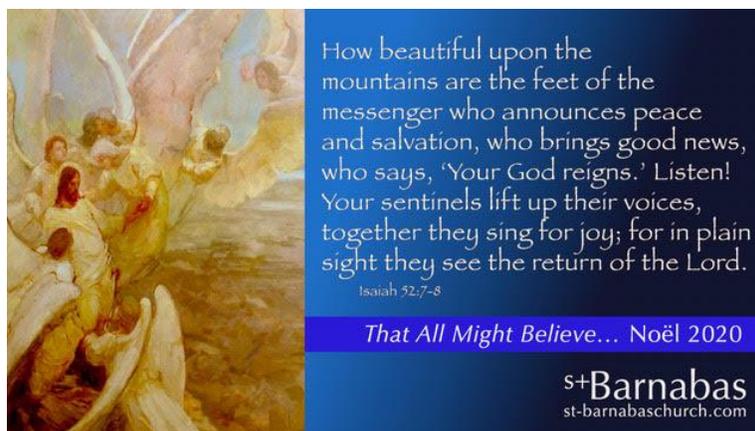
And also with you.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT

Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored our human nature. May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ, who humbled himself to share our humanity, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**



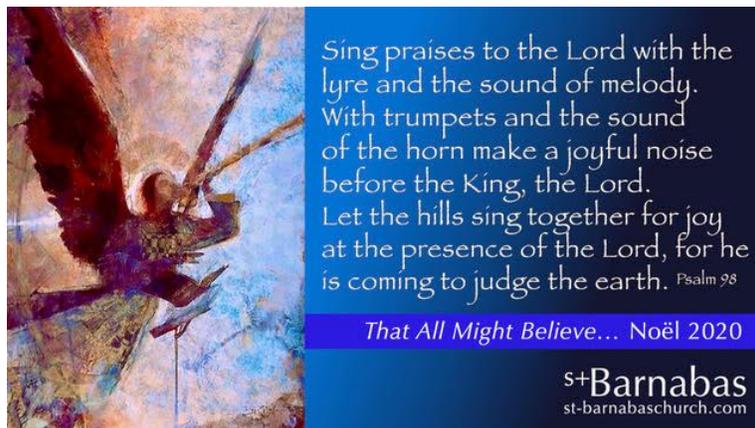
PROCLAIMING THE WORD - A READING FROM Isaiah 52:7-10

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'

⁸Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. ⁹Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

Thanks be to God.



PSALM 98 A New Song of Praise

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things

His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

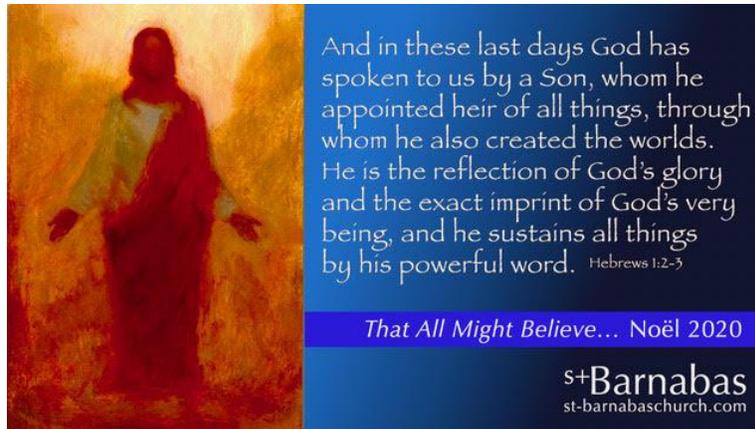
Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.



A READING FROM Hebrews 1:1-12 *God Has Spoken by His Son*

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say, 'You are my Son; today I have begotten you'? Or again, 'I will be his Father, and he will be my Son'? ⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, 'Let all God's angels worship him.' ⁷Of the angels he says, 'He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire.' ⁸But of the Son he says, 'Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever, and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom. ⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.' ¹⁰And, 'In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; ¹¹they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; ¹²like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end.

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GRADUAL HYMN: The First Nowell <https://youtu.be/d5Tysu20IvI>

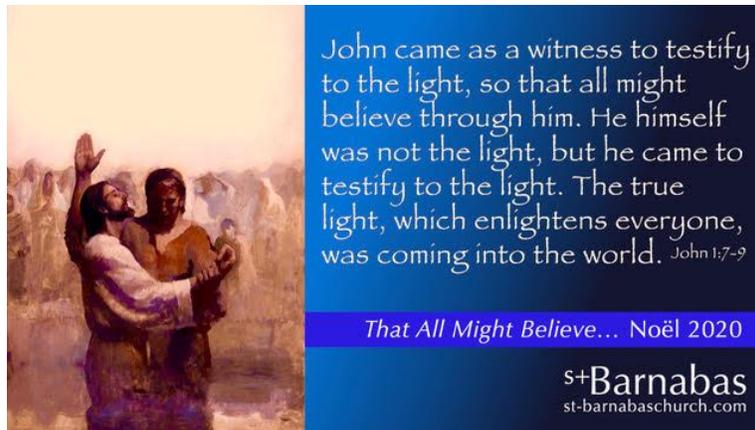
The first "Nowell" the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell!
Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell!

Born is the King of Israel!

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.
Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell!
Born is the King of Israel!

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made heaven and earth of nought,
And with His blood mankind hath bought.
Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell!
Born is the King of Israel!



THE GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 1:1-18

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

John 1:1-18 The Word Became Flesh

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's

only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."' ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known. *The Gospel of Christ.*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY: *That All Might Believe!* – Rev Brian Perron

ANTHEM OF REFLECTON - Angels from the Realms of Glory <https://youtu.be/PrLoWt2tfqg>

Angels, from the realms of glory
Wing your flight over all the earth
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth

Chorus: O come, let us adore Him
O Gloria, Gloria
Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, Gloria

Saints before the altar bending
Watching long in hope and fear
Suddenly the Lord, descending
In His temple shall appear (Chorus)

Though an Infant now we view Him
He shall fill His Father's throne
Gather all the nations to Him
Every knee shall then bow down (Chorus)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED *Let us confess our faith, as we say,*
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 man. 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, 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; in sure and certain hope, with faith we confess to you O Lord, confident in your forgiveness.

Heavenly Father, you call us to repent of our sins: soften our proud and stubborn hearts. Lord Jesus, you declared the forgiveness of God: teach us to forgive one another. Holy Spirit, you search our hearts and show us the truth: direct us in your way of righteousness. Lord, Have mercy.

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will and give us the hope of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GREETING OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures high and low; give thanks to God in love made known: Creator, Word, and Spirit, one.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of peace, your Son Jesus Christ has reconciled us to you. May all we offer you today renew us as members of your household. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker. Out of nothing, you called all worlds into being, and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment. Day and night celebrate your glory till time shall be no more. In Christ, your Word became flesh, and ... was born of the Virgin Mary. He emptied himself, taking our human form, that through his incarnation and passion we might come to share in his divine nature. Filled with the Spirit, who at the first Creation moved over the face of the waters, and overshadowed the blessed Virgin at Nazareth, we await with joy the fulfilment of your new Creation. We give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came

among us in our flesh, and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world, that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing. As children of your redeeming purpose who celebrate the birth of your Son, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven saying the song of your unending glory:

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father. In Jesus the Messiah you have come to us, and lived for a time among us, that we might for ever live with you. In the manger at Bethlehem, in his flight to Egypt, and as the carpenter's son, the Only-begotten bent low to meet us. Obedient to your calling, he accepted death on the cross. When you exalted him on the third day, and bestowed on him the name above all names, he opened the gate of glory that we might be your children, and share in his kingdom of Peace. Before he was given up to suffering and death, desiring to complete the work for which he came into the world, at supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "*Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.*" After supper, Jesus took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "*Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.*" We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice, *that all might believe, that all sins may indeed be forgiven.* Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom. Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer: Rejoicing in the presence of God, let us pray as Jesus taught.

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

Now we are raised to new life.

THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION HYMN: Joy to the World <https://youtu.be/5IH8A86FLs0>

Joy to the world, the Lord has come!
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare him room
And heaven and nature sing

Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns!
Your sweetest songs employ
While fields and streams and hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy

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.

POST COMMUNION HYMN: 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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Infinite, intimate God, in this Eucharist we have celebrated your presence with us. May we grow in the divine life of Christ who humbly shared our human life. Fill us with joy and send us out to share this good news with others. We ask this through Jesus Christ Emmanuel. **Amen.**

All your works praise you, O Lord.

And your faithful servants bless you. Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

May God the creator of all, bless you with the Spirit of Peace, that your faith in love with the Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: Hark the Herald Angles Sing https://youtu.be/A_iLXNSIaYc

Hark! the herald angels sing:
"Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled"
Joyful, all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With angelic hosts proclaim:
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"
Hark! the herald angels sing:
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ by highest Heav'n adored
Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of a Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with man to dwell
Jesus, our Emmanuel
Hark! the herald angels sing:
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the Heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings
Ris'n with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark! the herald angels sing:
"Glory to the newborn King!"

A THANK YOU: O Come All Ye Faithful – *Orchestre à vents Péri-Phonique*

Dismissal

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: O Come, O come, Emmanuel

This is a time for us to meditate in quiet reflection and prayer.

O come, desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease
And be Thyself our King of peace

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

*Let us consider how to inspire each other to greater love and to righteous deeds,
by encouraging one another, especially as the day of the Lord's return approaches.* ^{Heb 10}

*The flowers for the altar have been donated in loving memory of Iris and Walter Laduke.
And... a special thanks to our Trumpeter, Thomas Goernert.*
With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord. ^{Psalms 98}

Our lectionary readings for next week, Sunday December 27th: "Destined!"
[Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40](#)

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More announcements

Process of reopening: (See above welcome announcement) Visit our website for more information, guidelines & updates: http://www.st-barnabaschurch.com/st-barnabas_home

*"Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out;
and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished"* ^{Matthew 12:44}

Your Tithes and Offerings

Thank you for your faithful offerings to St-Barnabas... We understand these are new and different ways, and yet we are pleased to say that St-Barnabas has been able, because of you, to maintain itself financially during these difficult times. May you be blessed as you continue to safely give to God by supporting the work of your church by donating online through links found on the [St-Barnabas on-line Donations Page](#). It's easy; by [e-Transfer](#) or [St-Barnabas CanadaHelps](#), or [PayPal link](#), and as always through Canada Post to: [95, avenue Lorne, Saint-Lambert, QC J4P 2G7](#). Scroll through the list to find your favourite cause, including the replenishing of our building fund.

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give,
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.* ^{2 Cor 9:7}

Les Jardins Intérieurs

We are now broadcasting twice a week on the corporate TV Channel of Les Jardins:
[Wednesday afternoons at 3:00pm and Saturday mornings at 9:15am.](#)

The work of the church continues well beyond the Sunday morning as we the Church reach out to our neighbours.

Stay connected through our social media links:

Listen to our on-line messages posted on our [St-Barnabas website](#) and [Facebook](#) page, as well as in the emails that we send twice a week. I encourage you to share these posts and this bulletin with your families and friends, as words and thoughts of encouragement. Also, if you hear of individuals in need of something, let us know; we will see what we can do with members who have put their names forward to help in a safe and manageable way.

Share your stories

Send us an email at barnabas@bellnet.ca of what you have been up to, and to share your experiences of getting through this isolation. Share your stories with us to brighten the lives of others, and stay safe.

Keep in touch

So stay tuned and reach out to members you feel concern for, allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you and to minister to those shut-in and alone at this time. Be safe, 'Stay Home', for your sake and for the well being of others, and... wash your hands!

God bless you and thank you for your thoughts and prayers,

Brian and Joyce

The Reverend Brian Perron
St-Barnabas St-Lambert

A Word of Happiness for 2020

I myself am God, your God: Keep my statutes and live by my laws.
Keep my Sabbaths as holy rest days, signposts between me and you,
signalling that I am God, your God. *Ezekiel 20 :20*



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