

10th December 2017



Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome!

We bid you a very warm welcome to our worship. As we gather in this sacred space, silent prayer and reflection helps us to prepare for the service. We acknowledge our presence is on the unceded territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations. Listening devices are available for the hearing impaired during the service; please contact one of our greeters.

Prelude Hyfrydol

RV Williams

Words of welcome

Please rise as you are able to sing our opening hymn: The Advent Prose

(The Cantor begins by singing the refrain, which the congregation repeats; the refrain is then sung by all after each verse.)

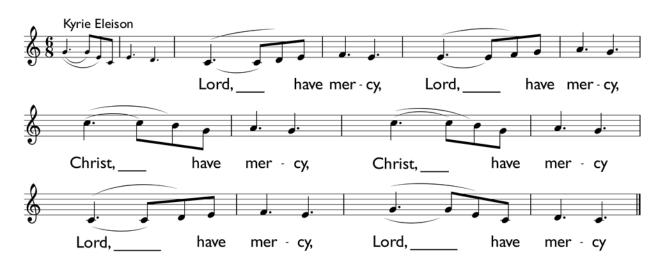
Refrain	Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour forth righteousness.
Cantor All	Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity for ever: thy holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation: our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee. <i>Refrain</i>
Cantor All	We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf: and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away; thou hast hid thy face from us: and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities. <i>Refrain</i>
Cantor All	Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know me and believe me: I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Saviour: and there is none that can deliver out of my hand. <i>Refrain</i>
Cantor	Comfort ye, comfort ye my people; my salvation shall not tarry: I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy

transgressions: Fear not, for I will save thee: for I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer. All Refrain Priest +The grace of our Lord lesus Christ, and the Love of God

Priest +The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
All And also with you.

We invite you to kneel for our opening prayer

All 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.



PriestLet us pray.AllGod of timeless grace,
you fill us with joyful expectation.
Make us ready for the message
that prepares the way,
so that with uprightness of heart and holy joy we
may eagerly await the coming of Christ,
who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. Amen.

Children's focus and the lighting of the second of the Advent Wreath Candles

Please sit for a reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah

(Chapter 40.1-11)

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah,

'Here is your God!'
See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep. *Reader*

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain seated to chant Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13



¹ You have been gracious to your 'land, O 'Lord, * you have restored the 'good for-'tune of 'Jacob.
,
² You have forgiven all the iniquity 'of your 'people *
and 'blotted out 'all their 'sins.
⁸ I will listen to what you, Lord 'God, are 'saying, st
for you are speaking peace to your faithful people
and to those who 'turn their 'hearts to 'you.
9 Truly, your salvation is very near to 'those who 'fear you, *
that your 'glory may 'dwell • in our 'land.
¹⁰ Mercy and truth have 'met to-'gether; *
righteousness and 'peace have 'kissed each 'other.
¹¹ Truth shall spring up 'from the 'earth, *
and righteousness 'shall look 'down from 'heaven.
¹² Lord, you will indeed 'grant pros-'perity, *
and our 'land will 'yield its 'increase.
¹³ Righteousness shall 'go be-'fore you, *
and peace shall be a 'pathway 'for your 'feet.
and peace shall be a pathway for your feet.

Please sit for a reading from the second Letter of Peter (Chapter 3.8-15a)

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him.

ReaderHear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.AllThanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able to sing our Gradual hymn No 100 in Common Praise

 Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace: thus says your God. Comfort those who sit in darkness bowed beneath oppression's load; speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them: tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over. 2 Hark! The herald's voice is calling in the desert far and near, calling us to new repentance since the reign of God is here.
Oh, that warning call obey!
Now prepare for Christ a way; let the valleys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.

We remain standing and turn to face the Deacon

U	Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!	
Deacon All	Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.	
Deacon All	Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Jesus said, 'Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.' Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.	
Deacon All	The Lord be with you. And also with you.	
Deacon All	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St Mark (Chapter 1.1-8) Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ. The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.	
	As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" ', John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And	

people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

At the conclusion of the Gospel

Deacon All		The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.	
	3	Make ye straight what long was crooked; make the rougher places plain. Let your hearts be true and humble as befits Messiah's reign. For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad, and all flesh shall see the token that God's Word is never broken.	
Sermon		The Reverend Liz Hamel	

After a time of reflection, please rise as you are able

Priest	Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,
All	I believe in God,
	the Father almighty,
	creator of heaven and earth.
	I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
	He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
	and born of the Virgin Mary.
	He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
	was crucified, died, and was buried.
	He descended to the dead.
	On the third day he rose again.
	He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please remain standing or kneel for our prayers

At the conclusion of the Prayers of the People:

Intercessor Rejoicing in the fellowship of Mary the mother of Jesus, and St John the Beloved, our patron and all the saints we commend ourselves and all people to your unfailing love. Merciful Father:

All Accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Priest	Dear friends in Christ,
	God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
	God welcomes sinners
	and invites them to this table.
	Let us confess our sins,
	confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept

Priest	Most merciful God,	
All	we confess that we have sinned against you	
	in thought, word, and deed,	
	by what we have done,	
	and by what we have left undone.	
	We have not loved you with our whole heart;	
	we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.	
	We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.	

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,		
have mercy on us and forgive us,		
that we may delight in your will,		
and walk in your ways,		
to the glory of your name. Amen.		

PriestAlmighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.AllAmen.

Please rise as you are able for the Peace

Priest	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All	And also with you.

Please exchange a sign of peace

During the singing of Hymn No 108, a collection will be taken.

- Hark, a herald voice is sounding:
 "Christ is nigh," it seems to say.
 "Cast away the dreams of darkness,
 O ye children of the day!"
- 2 Wakened by the solemn warning, let the earth-bound soul arise; Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.
- 3 Lo, the Lamb, so long expected, comes with pardon down from heaven; let us all, with deep repentance, pray that we may be forgiven,
- 4 that when next he comes with glory, and the world is wrapped in fear, with his mercy he may shield us, and with words of love draw near.

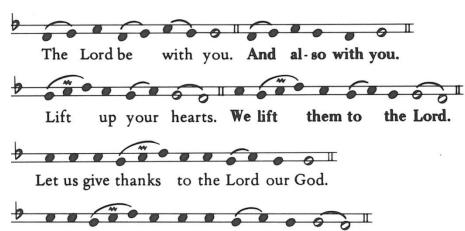
5 Honour, glory, might, and blessing to the Father and the Son, with the everlasting Spirit, while eternal ages run.

Prayer over the gifts

Priest God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Saviour and Lord.

All

Amen.

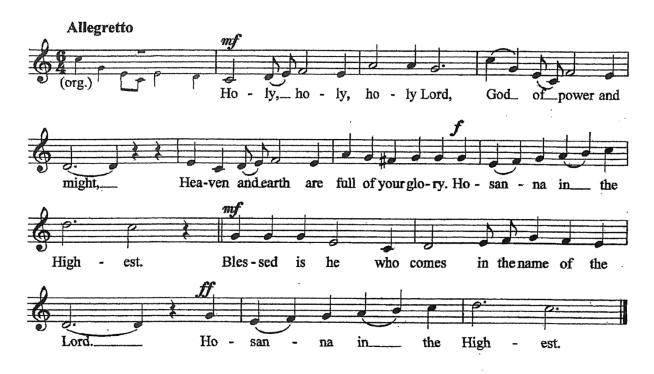


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Priest

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us. to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

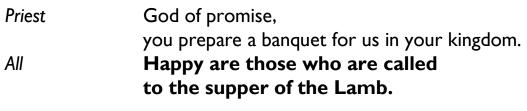


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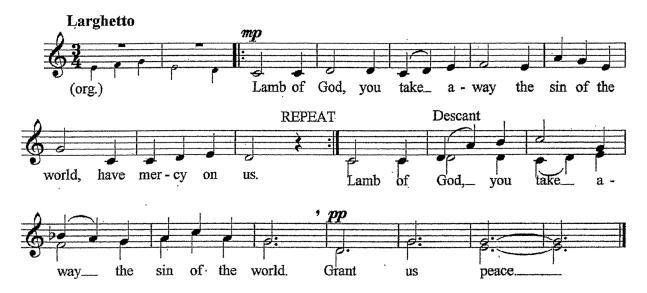
Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup,

	giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.
	We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.
All	All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever. Amen.
Priest All	And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, 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.



PriestThe gifts of God for the people of God.AllThanks be to God.



We invite all baptized Christians to receive Communion at our altar. If you wish to receive a blessing please come at the same time. Intinction is not permitted as it contaminates the wine. It is acceptable to receive either bread or wine only.

If you are unable to make your way to the altar please ask a sidesperson to have Communion brought to you. Gluten free wafers are available.

Communion Anthem Benedictus

RV Williams

Please rise as you are able

Priest God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

PriestGlory to God,Allwhose power, working in us, can do infinitely more
than we ask or imagine. Glory to God from
generation to generation, in the Church and in
Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

We sit for the notices

Please rise as you are able for the Blessing

Priest All	With love and compassion, come, Lord Jesus.
Priest All	With judgment and mercy, come, Lord Jesus.
Priest All	In power and glory, come, Lord Jesus.
Priest All	In wisdom and truth, come, Lord Jesus.
Priest	Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love all the days of your life; and the blessing of <i>God almighty, the</i> <i>Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit</i> , be among you and remain with you always.
All	Amen.

We sing our final Hymn No 89

I O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

2 O come, O Wisdom from on high, who orders all things mightily; to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go. Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

3 O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to your tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times once gave the law, in cloud and majesty and awe.

Refrain

4 O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem, from every foe deliver them that trust your mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave.

Refrain

PriestAs we await our coming Saviour, go in peace to love and
serve the Lord.AllIn the name of Christ. Amen.PostludeRV Williams

The organ postlude is to uplift us as we go out into the world. Kindly refrain from applauding. Please join us in the Trendell Lounge for refreshments.

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Sunday services

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00am Sung Eucharist

Wednesday service

9:30am Holy Communion

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Christmas Artisan Fair

and silent auction

11am - 1pm Sunday Dec 10th

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The Nativity by Noel Coypel

Christmas Carol Service

With the choirs from York House School and St John's Shaughnessy

Tuesday, 12 December 7pm



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A beautiful candlelit service followed by a reception in the Trendell Lounge

I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord. Luke 2.10-11

Christmas Services

Dec 24th

5:00pm Children's Service with Communion 10:00pm Christmas Eve Mass

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