



17th December 2017

Third 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 Now Come, Thou Savior of the Gentiles J S Bach

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 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.

All Refrain

Cantor 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.

All Refrain

Cantor 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.

All Refrain

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 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.**

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy

Priest Let us pray.

All **God of light,
who sent the Baptist to offer hope
and to face the world's scorn:
open our ears to hear the cries from the margins,
exposing our fears,
sharpening our vision and calling us to faith;
through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come.
Amen.**

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

Please sit for a reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah (Chapter 61.1-4, 8-11)

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

For I the Lord love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.
I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,

so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain seated to chant Psalm 126

A musical score for two staves. The top staff uses a treble clef and has a key signature of one sharp. The bottom staff uses a C-clef and has a key signature of one sharp. Both staves have a common time signature. The music consists of a series of eighth and sixteenth note patterns.

'When the Lord restored the 'fortunes of 'Zion,*
 then were 'we like 'those who 'dream.

²Then was our mouth 'filled with 'laughter,*
and our 'tongue with 'shouts of 'joy.

Then they said a-'mong the 'nations, *
“The Lord has 'done great 'things for 'them.”

³The Lord has done great 'things for 'us, *
and 'we are 'glad in-'deed.

⁴Restore our 'fortunes O 'Lord. *

like the water-'cour - ses 'of the 'Negev

5Those who 'sowed with 'tears *
will 'reap with 'songs of 'joy

***Those who go out weeping, 'carrying the 'seed, * will come again with joy, 'shoulder-'ing their '**

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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All **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise as you are able to sing our Gradual hymn No 362 in Common Praise

- 1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!**
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.
 - 2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!**
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name the Lord, the mighty one.
 - 3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!**
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

We remain standing and turn to face the Deacon

A musical score for a single melodic line. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The time signature is common time (indicated by a 'C'). The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia!" are written below the notes, with a fermata over the final "ia".

Degcon Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Deacon Jesus said, ‘Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.’

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might

believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, ‘Who are you?’ He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, ‘I am not the Messiah.’ And they asked him, ‘What then? Are you Elijah?’ He said, ‘I am not.’ ‘Are you the prophet?’ He answered, ‘No.’ Then they said to him, ‘Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?’ He said, ‘I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, “Make straight the way of the Lord”’, as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, ‘Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?’ John answered them, ‘I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.’ This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

At the conclusion of the Gospel

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!**

Sermon The Venerable John Stephens

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.**

Priest Almighty 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.
All **Amen.**

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 103, a collection will be taken.

- I On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.**

- 2 Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within.
Prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty guest may come.**

- 3 For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away,
like flowers that wither and decay.**

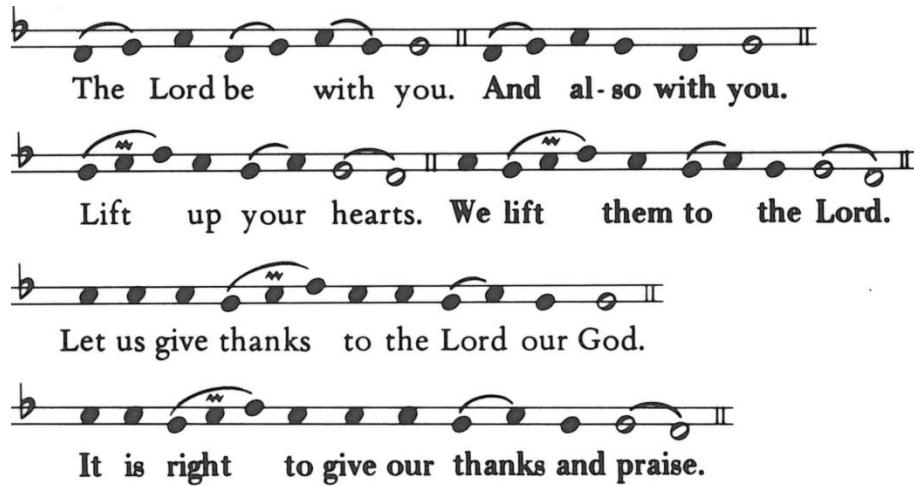
- 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.**

- 5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent doth thy people free;
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Ghost for evermore.**

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.**



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 our thanks and praise.

Priest Holy God, Lover of creation,
we give you thanks and praise
for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us
and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts.

When we turn from your love and defile the earth,
you do not abandon us.

Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah,
through prophets, sages, and saints in every age,
to confront our sin
and reveal the vision of your new creation.

Joining in the song of the universe
we proclaim your glory saying singing:

Allegretto

(org.)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the

High - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.

Priest

Gracious God,
in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ
to share our fragile humanity.
Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection
you open the path from brokenness to health,
from fear to trust, from pride and conceit
to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world
that could not bear the Gospel of life,
Jesus knew death was near.
His head anointed for burial
by an unknown woman,

Jesus gathered together those who loved him.
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it
and gave it to his friends,
saying, “Take and eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
gave you thanks,
and said “Drink this all of you,
this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”
And now we gather at this table
in response to his commandment,
to share the bread and cup of Christ’s undying love,
and to proclaim our faith.

All **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Priest Breathe your Holy Spirit,
the wisdom of the universe,
upon these gifts that we bring to you:
this bread, this cup,
ourselves, our souls and bodies,
that we may be signs of your love for all the world
and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, Creator of all,
and we bless your holy name for ever.

All **Amen.**

Priest And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

All

**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.**

Priest

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

All

**Happy are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb.**

Priest

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All

Thanks be to God.

Larghetto

Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the world. Grant us peace.

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 This is the record of John O Gibbons

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.

Priest Glory to God,
All **whose 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 With love and compassion,
All **come, Lord Jesus.**

Priest With judgment and mercy,
All **come, Lord Jesus.**

Priest In power and glory,
All **come, Lord Jesus.**

Priest In wisdom and truth,
All **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 God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

We sing our final Hymn No 106

- 1 There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places,
where the Lord our God may go!**
- 2 O Zion, give voice to good tidings,
ascend to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people
the coming of their King.
The works of pride all perish,
like flowers they shall decay;
the power and pomp of nations
shall pass like a dream away.**
- 3 But your word, O God, is faithful,
your arm, O Lord, is strong;
you stand in the midst of nations,
and you will right the wrong.
You will feed your flock like a shepherd,
and fold the lambs to your breast;
in pastures of peace you'll lead them,
and give to the weary rest.**
- 4 There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places,
where the Lord our God may go!**

Priest As we await our coming Saviour, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude *Pavane* Orlando Gibbons

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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Winter Bible Study Series

Join the SJS clergy for an interactive
Christian Formation Series
to discuss the Bible readings for the coming Sunday.

Classes will be located in the church
from approximately 10:10am to 11:15am.
Everyone welcome!

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Wednesday mornings from
January 17 to February 7
right after the 9:30am service

 **St John's**
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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

Dec 25th

10:00am Sung Eucharist