



24th December 2017

Fourth 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 My Soul doth Magnify the Lord 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.**

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 mer - cy, Lord, ____ have mer - cy,
Christ, ____ have mer - cy, Christ, ____ have mer - cy
Lord, ____ have mer - cy, Lord, ____ have mer - cy

Priest Let us pray.

All **O God of Elizabeth and Mary,
you visited your servants with news of the world's
redemption in the coming of the Saviour.
Make our hearts leap with joy
and fill our mouths with songs of praise,
so that we may announce glad tidings of peace
and welcome your Christ into our midst;
through Jesus Christ, who is to come. Amen.**

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

Please sit for a reading from the second Book of Samuel (Chapter 7.1-11)

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, ‘See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.’ Nathan said to the king, ‘Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.’

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, ‘Why have you not built me a house of cedar?’ Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house.

Reader

All

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated to chant Psalm 89

- ¹ Your love O Lord, for ' ever will • I ' sing; *
from age to age my ' mouth will • pro-'claim your '
faithfulness.
- ² For I am persuaded that your love is e' - stablished for 'ever; *
you have set your faithfulness ' firm-ly ' in the ' heavens.
- ³ "I have made a covenant with my ' cho-sen ' one; *
I have sworn an ' oath to ' David my ' servant:
- ⁴ 'I will establish your ' line for ' ever, *
and preserve your ' throne for ' all gener- ' ations."
- ¹⁹ You spoke once in a vision and said to your ' faithful '
people: *
"I have set the crown upon a warrior,
and have exalted one ' chosen ' out of • the ' people.
- ²⁰ I have found ' David my ' servant; *
with my holy oil have ' I a- ' nointed ' him.
- ²¹ My hand will ' hold him ' fast *
and my ' arm will ' make him ' strong.
- ²² No enemy ' shall de- 'ceive him, *
nor any ' wicked one' bring him ' down.
- ²³ I will crush his ' foes be- ' fore him *
and ' strike down ' those who ' hate him.
- ²⁴ My faithfulness and love shall ' be with ' him, *
and he shall be vic- ' tor-iou s ' through my ' name.
- ²⁵ I shall make his do- ' minion ex- ' tend *
from the ' Great Sea ' to the ' River.
- ²⁶ He will say to me, ' 'You • are my ' Father, *
my God, and the ' rock of ' my sal- ' vation'

Please sit for a reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (Chapter 16.25-27)

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for

long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

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

Please rise as you are able to sing our Gradual hymn No 132 in Common Praise

- 1 Of eternal love begotten,
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega,
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore.**
- 2 At his Word the worlds were framed.
He commanded, it was done:
heaven and earth and depths of ocean,
in their threefold order one;
all that grows beneath the shining,
of the moon and burning sun,
evermore and evermore.**
- 3 O that birth for ever blessed,
when the virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bare the Saviour of our race,
and the babe, the world's redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore.**
- 5 O ye heights of heaven adore him;
angel hosts, his praises sing;
all dominions bow before him,
and extol our God and king;
let no tongue on earth be silent,**

**every voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore.**

We remain standing and turn to face the Priest

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.

Priest Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to
St Luke (Chapter 1.26-38)

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be

holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

At the conclusion of the Gospel

Priest The Gospel of Christ.

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

**6 Christ, to thee, with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,
and unwearied praises be,
honour, glory, and dominion,
and eternal victory,
evermore and 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 269, a collection will be taken.

**I Heavenly message, brought by an angel,
Coming to lift the hopes of the earth;
Bringing to Mary humble and lowly,
God's invitation to give the Christ birth.**

Refrain:

**Mary we hail you, full of God's favour,
Blesséd are you and blessed your son;
He will be called the child of the highest,
Saviour of all, the holy one.**

- 2 Mary replied to Gabriel's message,
"I am the servant, maid of the Lord.
Let it done just as you have spoken.
My soul rejoices in God's saving word." Refrain**
- 3 In the beginning, when God had spoken,
through God's own Word all things came to be;
Now by that Word, embodied through Mary,
God's glory blazes, that our eyes may see. Refrain**

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 It is indeed right that we should praise you,
gracious God,
for you created all things.
You formed us in your own image:
male and female you created us.
When we turned away from you in sin,
you did not cease to care for us,
but opened a path of salvation for all people.
You made a covenant with Israel,
and through your servants Abraham and Sarah
gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.
Through Moses you led your people
from bondage into freedom;
through the prophets
you renewed your promise of salvation.
Therefore, with them, and with all your saints
who have served you in every age,
we give thanks and raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

Allegretto

A musical score for a hymn. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The time signature is common time (indicated by a 'C'). The tempo is Allegretto. The vocal line starts with 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,' followed by 'Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the High - est.' Then it continues with 'Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.' The final line is 'Ho - san - na in the High - est.' Dynamic markings include *mf*, *f*, and *ff*. The organ part is indicated by '(org.)'.

Priest

Holy God, source of life and goodness,
all creation rightly gives you praise.
In the fullness of time,
you sent your Son Jesus Christ,
to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.
He healed the sick
and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;
he opened the eyes of the blind
and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom
to the poor and to those in need.
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, “ Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Gracious God,
his perfect sacrifice
destroys the power of sin and death;
by raising him to life
you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All
Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Priest
Recalling his death,
proclaiming his resurrection,
and looking for his coming again in glory,
we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts,
that all who eat and drink at this table
may be one body and one holy people,
a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and 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.

REPEAT Descant

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 The Linden Tree Carol arr. M. Archer

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.

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.

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!***

**5 O come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. Refrain**

**6 O come, O Dayspring from on high,
and cheer us by your drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight. Refrain**

**7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our bitter conflict cease,
and be for us our Prince of Peace. Refrain**

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

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude Fugue on the Magnificat J S Bach

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.



The flowers on the Altar
and the poinsettias throughout the sanctuary
are given to the Glory of God
and in Celebration of the Birth of the Christ Child

and in loving memory of my parents,
Rosemary (Jukes) Devin and **Charles “Chunky” Woodward**
from Robyn Woodward

and in loving memory of **Mom, Nana, Carol** and **Vi** from Marg Rae

and in remembrance of **Jan Scott** from the Scott family

and in memory of loved ones and in thanksgiving for the safe arrival
of great-granddaughter **Brooklynn Ada**, from Hugh Griffith

and in loving memory of **Nijole Kuzmickas**,
who opened her heart to all at Christmas time, from Robin

and in memory of **Jack and Amy Hadley** from daughter Louise

from Justis and Judith

from Fr. Michael Fuller



and in remembrance of **Chester** who filled our hearts with joy
from Bev & Jim McPherson

and in thanksgiving for the lives of **Dr Charles & Mrs Ann Stewart**
and John & Carmen Belgrave from Patrick & Joan Stewart

and in loving memory of my father and mother, **Alan** and **Olivia Pemberton**, and my husband **Bob Fulcher**, from Karin Fulcher

and in loving memory of **Molly Almdale** from Joyce Beley

and in memory of **Derek Parker** given by his wife Viola & family

and in loving memory of **Alan Frank Rudolf**
husband of Alberta, father of Chris, Dianne and Sally

and in memory of my beloved hubby **Jim** from Helen Heaney

and with gratitude for all the amazing blessings God has given us
from the Potter Family

and in loving memory of my daughter **Desireé van Prattenburg**
from Lydia

from Anne Copland



and in thanksgiving for my parents, **Rex & Mary Barford**,
and my sister & brother-in-law, **Daphne Ann & Frank Saunders**
from Sheila Barford

and in thanksgiving for the **SJS clergy** from Patricia Luk

and in celebration of our families, those near, far and those no longer
with us, we give thanks to God for the gift of love
from John, Ruth, Sarah and Matthew Stephens

and in loving memory of **John Holmen** and
Lawrence & Nancy Whytehead from Catherine Holmen

and in memory of **Joan Skogan**, from John & Jane Macintyre

and in memory of loved ones from Isabelle Jenkins

and in thanksgiving for my darling wife **Beatrice Rudersdorfer**,
for a full recovery and continued good health, from Reinhard

and in memory of **Elizabeth Kidd** from Arden & Peter Kidd

and in loving memory of my mother, **Laura Mary Smith**
given by Susan Firus

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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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