

28 November 2021 10am



First Sunday of Advent

### Welcome!

We bid you a very warm welcome to our worship. We acknowledge our presence is on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Peoples.

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.

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember Cantor

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.

 $A/\!\!/$ 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.

 $A/\!\!/$ 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.

 $A/\!\!/$ Refrain

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people; my salvation shall not Cantor

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.

 $A/\!\!/$ Refrain +The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A// And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

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.

Please rise as you are able to sing hymn No 706 in Common Praise

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

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Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Priest Let us pray.

A// God of justice and peace,

from the heavens you rain down

mercy and kindness.

Raise our heads in expectation,

so that we may yearn

for the coming day of the Lord

and stand without blame before your Son,

Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Priest We light this candle for all God's people,

struggling to be bearers of hope in a troubled world.

A// God, as we wait for your promise,

Give Light, Give Hope.

Please sit for a reading from the Prophecy of Jeremiah (Chapter 33.14-16)

Reader

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Reader

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

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Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated to chant Psalm 25.1-9

#### Cantor sings Refrain



#### All sing Refrain

Choir only | To | you, O | Lord, \*

I | lift | up my | soul;

<sup>2</sup> my God, I put my | trust in | you; \*

let me not be humiliated,

nor let my enemies | triumph | over | me.

Let none who look to you be | put to | shame; \* let the treacherous be disa-|pointed | in their | schemes.

<sup>4</sup> Show me your | ways, O | Lord, \*

and | teach | me your | paths.

Lead me in your | truth and | teach me, \* for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I | trusted | all day | long.

#### All sing Refrain

Choir only <sup>6</sup> Remember, O Lord, your compas-|sion and | love, \* for they | are from | ever-|lasting.

<sup>7</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth and |my trans-|gressions;\* remember me according to your love

and for the sake of your | goodness, | O | Lord.

- 8 Gracious and upright are | you, O | Lord; \* therefore you teach | sinners | in your | way.
- You guide the humble in | doing | right \* and teach | your way | to the | lowly.
- O Lord, all your paths are | love and | faithfulness \* to those who keep your | covenant | and your | testimonies.

#### All sing Refrain

Please sit for a reading from the first Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (Chapter 3.9-13)

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying God's people.

All Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able to sing our Gradual hymn No 96 in Common Praise

- I Creator of the stars of night, thy people's everlasting light, Jesus, redeemer of us all, hear thou thy servants when they call.
- 2 Thou, sorrowing at the helpless cry of all creation doomed to die, didst save our lost and guilty race by healing gifts of heavenly grace.

- When earth was near its evening hour, thou didst in love's redeeming power, like bridegroom from his chamber, come forth from a maiden mother's womb.
- 4 At thy great name, exalted now, all knees in lowly homage bow; all things in heaven and earth adore, and own thee King for evermore.

We remain standing and turn to face the Deacon

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said, 'Heaven and earth will pass away,

but my words will not pass away.'

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to

St Luke. (Chapter 21.25-36)

A// Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

At the conclusion of the Gospel

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Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

5 To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three-in-One, praise, honour, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.

Sermon The Reverend Elizabeth Ruder-Celiz

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 God:

A// 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,

A// 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.

A// 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 88, a collection will be taken.

- I Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
- 2 Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.
- 3 Born thy people to deliver; born a child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
- 4 By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

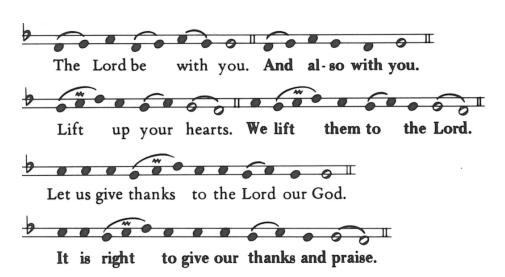
#### Prayer over the gifts

Priest

God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Amen.

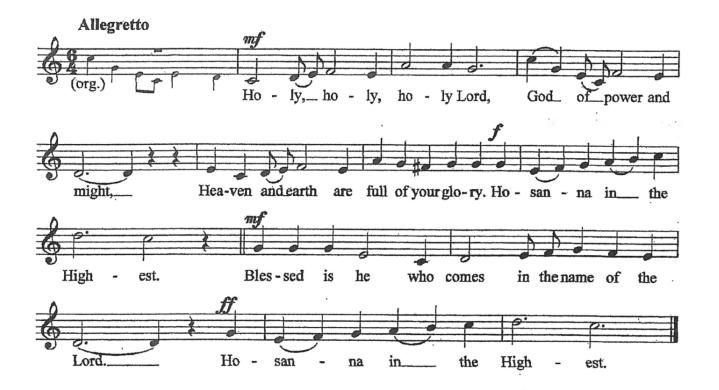


Priest

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; 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.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.



Priest

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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."

Therefore, Creator of all, according to his command, we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Priest and we offer our sacrifice

of praise and thanksgiving

to you, Lord of all;

presenting to you, from your creation,

this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,

to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,

that they may be the sacrament

of the body of Christ

and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,

that we, made acceptable in him,

may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light

where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church.

and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honour and glory are yours, source of all being,

now and for ever.

A// 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.

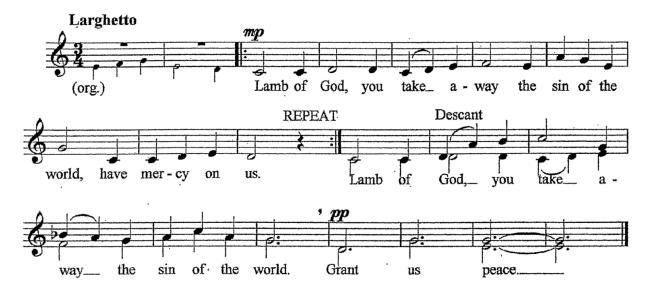
*Priest* God of promise,

you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

A// Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Priest The gifts of God for the people of God.

A// Thanks 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. Wearing your mask, and sanitizing your hands, please come forward to the top of the main aisle, maintaining 2 metres distance from everyone. Communion of one kind (bread) will be given to you one at a time. Move to the side and consume the body of Christ, then return to your seat using the side aisles.

Communion Anthem O Thou, the Central Orb

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O Thou, the central orb of righteous love, Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light Of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine, Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine.

Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move, As stars about thy throne, set in the height Of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight Gives measured grace to each, Thy power to prove.

Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, Our nature all shall feel eternal day In fellowship with thee, transforming day To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen. Please rise as you are able

*Priest* God for whom we wait,

you have fed us with the bread of eternal life.

Keep us ever watchful,

that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen.

Priest Glory to God,

A// 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,

A// 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.

A// Amen.

We sing our final Hymn No 114

I Lo, he comes with clouds descending, once for favoured sinners slain; thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train:

hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! God appears on earth to reign.

- 2 Every eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty; all who set at nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deeply grieving, deeply grieving, deeply grieving, shall the true Messiah see.
- 3 Now redemption, long expected, see in solemn pomp appear; all his saints, on earth rejected, thrill the triumph sound to hear: hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! See the day of God appear!
- 4 Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
  high on thine eternal throne;
  Saviour, take the power and glory;
  claim the kingdom for thine own:
  O come quickly! O come quickly! O come quickly!
  Hallelujah! Come, Lord, come!

Deacon As we await our coming Saviour, go in peace to love and

serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude Sortie in D (Come Divine Messiah) C Franck

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.



Social Distancing Please keep one bishop-length apart.



#### **Sunday in-person services** 8am and 10am

#### Sunday online service

Wednesday online service

10am Holy Eucharist live-stream

8pm Midweek Meditation

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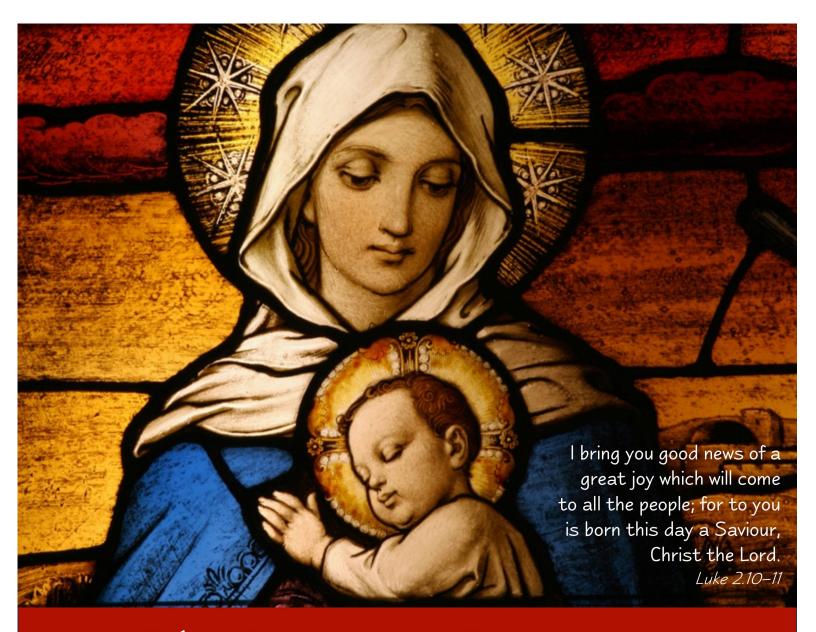




# Advent Lessons and Carols Sunday, November 28 3:00 o'clock



Join us for an inspiring candlelit service to prepare our hearts for the birth of the Christ Child and the Season of Advent



## Christmas Services

Dec 24th

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

> Dec 25th 10:00am Sung Eucharist



