



5 December 2021 10am



Second 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.***

*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.**

*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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*Priest* Let us pray.

*All* **God 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 your Son,  
Jesus Christ, who lives and 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*

*Priest* We light this candle for all God's people,  
struggling to be bearers of hope in a troubled world.

*All*

**God, as we wait for your promise,  
Give Light, Give Hope.**

*Please sit for a reading from the Prophecy of Malachi  
3.1-4)*

(Chapter

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

*Reader  
All*

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

*Please rise as you are able to sing Hymn No 11 in Common Praise*

- 1 Blessed be the God of Israel  
who comes to set us free  
and raises up new hope for us:  
a Branch from David's tree.  
So have the prophets long declared  
that with a mighty arm  
God would turn back our enemies  
and all who wish us harm.**
- 2 With promised mercy will God still  
the covenant recall,  
the oath once sworn to Abraham,**

**from foes to save us all;  
that we might worship without fear  
and offer lives of praise,  
in holiness and righteousness  
before God all our days.**

- 3 My child, as prophet of the Lord  
you will prepare the way,  
to tell God's people they are saved  
from sin's eternal sway.  
Then shall God's mercy from on high  
shine forth and never cease  
to drive away the gloom of death  
and lead us into peace.**

*Please sit for a reading from the first Letter of Paul to the Philippians  
(Chapter*

*1.3-11)*

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.



*Reader*  
*All*

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

*Please rise as you are able to sing our Gradual hymn No 106 in  
Common Praise*

- 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.**

*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.'  
*All* **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  
3.1-6)

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

*Deacon* In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius,  
when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and  
Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler  
of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias  
ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas  
and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of  
Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region  
around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of  
repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written  
in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,  
'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.  
Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." '

*At the conclusion of the Gospel*

*Deacon* The Gospel of Christ.  
*All* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

- 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!**

*Sermon*

The Reverend Dr Pitman Potter

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

*Priest*  
*say,*  
*All*

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we

**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:  
*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*

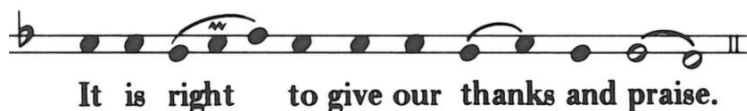
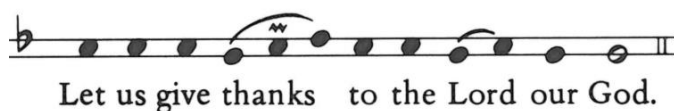
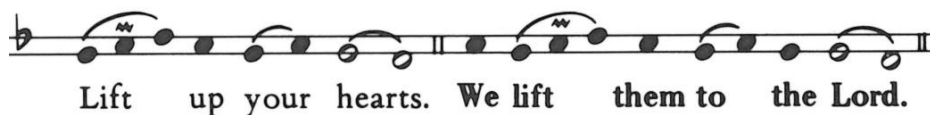
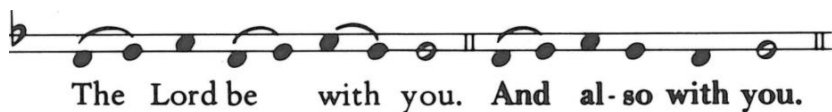
*During the singing of Hymn No 103, a collection will be taken.*

- 1 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 our strength, we are nothing without you.  
Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us  
with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **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.

**Allegretto**

(org.) *mf* Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

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

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

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

*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."

*All*                      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.

*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. Ones for Advent**

**Larghetto**

(org.) 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. 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 How Beautiful Upon the Mountains* J  
Stainer

*How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings,  
that publisheth peace; that publisheth salvation;  
that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!*

*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,  
*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 91 in Common Praise*

- 1 People, look east. The time is near  
of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the guest, is on the way.**
- 2 Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,  
one more seed is planted there:  
give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
that in course the flower may flourish.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the rose, is on the way.**
- 3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build,  
guard the nest that must be filled.**

Even the hour when wings are frozen  
God for fledging time has chosen.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the bird, is on the way.

4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim  
one more light the bowl shall brim,  
shining beyond the frosty weather,  
bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the star, is on the way.

5 Angels, announce with shouts of mirth  
Christ who brings new life to earth.  
Set every peak and valley humming  
with the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Postlude* Gigue Fugue BWV 577 JS 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.*



Social Distancing  
Please keep  
one bishop-length apart.



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

**Sunday online service**

10am [Holy Eucharist live-stream](#)

**Wednesday online service**

8pm [Midweek Meditation](#)

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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



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