



12 December 2021 10am



Third 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.
Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

Priest Let us pray.
All **God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist
to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Children's focus and the lighting of the third 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.**

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away the judgements against you,
he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.
The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the Lord.

Reader
All

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

Please rise as you are able to sing Canticle 3 (Isaiah 12.2-6) Hymn No 361 in Common Praise

- 1 Surely it is God who saves me;
I shall trust and have no fear.
For the Lord defends and shields me
and his saving help is near.
So rejoice as you draw water
from salvation's healing spring;
in the day of your deliverance
thank the Lord, his mercies sing.**
- 2 Make God's deeds known to the peoples:
tell out his exalted name.
Praise the Lord, who has done great things;
all his works God's might proclaim.
Zion, lift your voice in singing;
for with you has come to dwell,
in your very midst, the great and
Holy One of Israel.**

Please sit for a reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians (Chapter 4.4-7)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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 100 in Common Praise

- 1 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

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 3.7-18)

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

Deacon John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by
him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from
the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do
not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our
ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to
raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at
the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not
bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In
reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share

with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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 Karin Fulcher

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

Priest
All

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,
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 101, a collection will be taken.

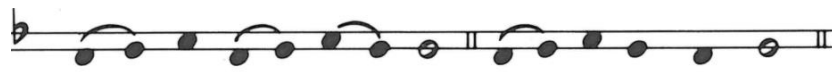
**I Hail to the Lord's anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!**

**He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.**

- 2 He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth.
Before him on the mountains
shall peace the herald go,
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.**
- 3 Kings shall fall down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing.
To him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend,
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.**
- 4 O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove.
His name shall stand for ever:
that name to us is Love.**

Prayer over the gifts

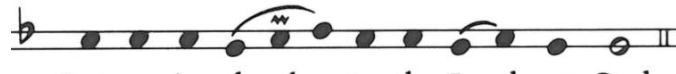
<i>Priest</i>	God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation andand make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
<i>All</i>	Amen.



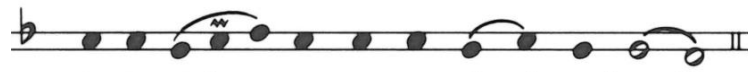
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.



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 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.) *mp* Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world, have mer - cy on us. **REPEAT** **Descant** Lamb of God, you take a -

pp 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 Jesus Christ the Apple Tree E Poston

*The tree of life my soul hath seen, Laden with fruit and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be Compared with Christ the apple tree.*

*His beauty doth all things excel: By faith I know, but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see In Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

*For happiness I long have sought, And pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see 'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.*

*I'm weary with my former toil, Here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be, Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

*This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be With Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

Please rise as you are able

Priest Merciful God, may this eucharist free us from our sins,
fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of

our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
who is Lord now and for ever. Amen.

Priest

All

Glory to God,
**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

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 *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 108 in Common Praise

- 1 **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.

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

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Kommst du nun, Jesu, von Himmel herunter ("Come thou,
Jesu, from heaven to earth") BWV 650 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.





When shopping for Christmas supplies, please keep our friends on the street in mind, as well. Following is a list of items from which to choose. Please consider expiration dates on items and remember that our friends are mobile, so large, family-sized tins of food, while very generous, are very heavy to carry all day. We are collecting all through December & January. Thank you for your generosity.

- Boost or Ensure Nutrition Drinks (3 month shelf life)
- Self opening Tinned Meat & Fish
- Juice Boxes (3 month shelf life)
- New warm socks & men's medium underwear Nut/
- raisin-free Soft granola bars (3 month shelf life)
- Sleeping Bags (or \$50 donation for one)
- Winter Coats/Toques/ Gloves
- Boots (size 10,11,12)
- Rain Gear
- Fruit/pudding cups
- New personal sized hygiene products
- Hand sanitizer
- Christmas Treats (no nuts or caramel)
- Candy Bars (no nuts or caramel)

"Mutual Transformation"

Sunday in-person services 8am and 10am (no 8am on Dec 26)

Sunday online service

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

Wednesday online service

8pm [Midweek Meditation](#)

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We want to hear from you!

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Come worship with us
from your livingroom
or in-person!

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

5pm Children's Service with Communion

10pm Christmas Eve Mass

12+ proof of vaccination required for both Dec 24th services

Dec 25th

10am Christmas Day Service with Carols



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