



12 December 2021 8am



Third Sunday of Advent

Welcome!

We bid you a very warm welcome to our worship. For everyone's safety, please face forward at all times during the service. 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 as the Clergy enter to opening hymn melody: The Advent Prose

All **ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Priest OUR Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

All **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Priest Lord, have mercy upon us.

All **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Priest Lord, have mercy upon us.

All The Lord be with you;
And with thy spirit.

Collect of the Day

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.**

Please sit for a reading from the Book of Zephaniah (Chapter 3.14-20)

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

*Please remain seated 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.

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Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St Luke. (Chapter 3.7-18)

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

Priest 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

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

Sermon The Reverend Karin Fulcher

Priest I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty,
All **Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:**
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; Through whom all things were made: Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to

judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

Priest Offer unto God the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay thy vows unto the Most High. *Psalm 50.14*

The Altar is prepared for Communion

Priest BLESSED be thou, LORD God of Israel, for ever and ever.
All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine.
All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. *I Chronicles 29. 10, 11, 14.*

Prayers

Priest Let us pray for Christ's holy Catholic Church.

Let us pray for peace on earth.

Let us remember before God those who have departed this life and are at rest.

Intercession

Priest ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept all that we offer unto thee, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree

in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: And grant unto thy servant ELIZABETH our Queen, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and specially to thy servant John our Bishop, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and specially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those for whom our prayers are desired.

We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

All

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

COME unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

St Matthew 11.28

Thanksgiving and Consecration

Priest

THE Lord be with you;

All

And with thy spirit.

Priest

Lift up your hearts;

All **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;
All **It is meet and right so to do.**

Priest We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
 through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
 our Saviour and Redeemer.
 He is your living Word,
 through whom you have created all things.
 By the power of the Holy Spirit
 he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
 and shared our human nature.
 He lived and died as one of us,
 to reconcile us to you,
 the God and Father of all.
 In fulfilment of your will
 he stretched out his hands in suffering,
 to bring release to those who place their hope in you;
 and so he won for you a holy people.
 He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
 and to give up his life on the cross,
 that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
 and banish the darkness of sin and despair.
 By his resurrection
 he brings us into the light of your presence.
 Now with all creation we raise our voices
 to proclaim the glory of your name.

All **HOLY, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
BLESSED is the one that cometh in the
Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer of Consecration and the Breaking of the Bread

Priest BLESSING and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee
 Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender
 mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our

nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, ^atook Bread; and, when he had given thanks, ^bhe brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; ^cthis is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper ^dhe took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for ^ethis is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled

with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

All **Amen.**

Priest THE peace of the Lord be always with you;

All **And with thy spirit.**

All **WE do not presume to come to this thy Table,
O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness,
But in thy manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy So much as to gather up
the crumbs under thy Table.
But thou art the same Lord,
Whose property is always to have mercy:
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,
And to drink his Blood,
That our sinful bodies
may be made clean by his Body,
And our souls washed through
his most precious Blood,
And that we may evermore dwell in him,
And he in us. Amen.**

Priest O LAMB of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
All **have mercy upon us.**

Priest O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
All **have mercy upon us.**

Priest O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
All **grant us thy 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.*

Priest

Let us pray.

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 them that 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

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

All

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we

are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

All **GLORY** be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards all. **We** praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Priest THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

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



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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Email and voicemail are checked regularly and often, so please reach out.

We want to hear from you!

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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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