



19 December 2021 10am



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland
(Now come, Saviour of the World)

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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. Listening devices are available for the hearing impaired during the service; please contact one of our greeters.

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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Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Priest

Let us pray.

All

**God of promise,
you look with favour on the lowly,
you scatter the proud and you fill the hungry.
May we, like Mary, respond to your call
and be obedient to your will;
through Jesus Christ who is to come. Amen.**

Children's focus and the lighting of the fourth 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 Micah

(Chapter 5.2-5a)

Reader

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.
Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of
the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

If the Assyrians come into our land
and tread upon our soil,
we will raise against them seven shepherds
and eight installed as rulers.

Reader

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

All

Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated to chant Psalm 80.1-7

Cantor sings Refrain



All sing Refrain

Choir only

¹ Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph ¹like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned up-¹on the cherubim.
² In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, ¹and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and ¹come to help us.

³ Restore us, O 'God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance,
and we 'shall be saved.

All sing Refrain

Choir only ⁴ O Lord 'God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers 'of your
people?
⁵ You have fed them with the 'bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of 'tears to drink.
⁶ You have made us the derision 'of our neighbours, *
and our enemies laugh 'us to scorn.
⁷ Restore us, O 'God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance,
and we 'shall be saved.

All sing Refrain

Please sit for a reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (Chapter 10.5-10)

Reader Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,
'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings
you have taken no pleasure.
Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God"
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).'

When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken
pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and
sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then
he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes
the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's
will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the
body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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, Canticle of The Turning

**My soul cries out with a joyful shout
That the God of my heart is great
And my spirit sings of the Wondrous things
That you bring to the ones who wait
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight
And my weakness you did not spurn
So from east to west shall my name be blest
Could the world be about to turn?
My heart shall sing of the day you bring
Let the fires of your justice burn
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near
And the world is about to turn!**

**Though I am small, my God, my all, you
Work great things in me
And your mercy will last from the Depths
Of the past to the end of the age to be
Your very name puts the proud to shame
And to those who would for you yearn
You will show your might
Put the strong to flight
For the world is about to turn
My heart shall sing of the day you bring
Let the fires of your justice burn
Wipe away all tears
For the dawn draws near
And the world is about to turn!**

**From the halls of power to the fortress tower
Not a stone will be left on stone
Let the king beware for your
Justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne
The hungry poor shall weep no more
For the food they can never ears
There are tables spread, ev'ry
Mouth be fed
For the world is about to turn**

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring
Let the fires of your justice burn
Wipe away all tears
For the dawn draws near
And the world is about to turn!**

**Though the nations rage from age to age
We remember
Who holds us fast
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's
crushing grasp
This saving word that out forebears
Heard is the promise which holds us bound
'Til the spear and rod can be
Crushed by God
Who is turning the world around
My heart shall sing of the day you bring
Let the fires of your justice burn
Wipe away all tears
For the dawn draws near
And the world is about to turn!**

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring
Let the fires of your justice burn
Wipe away all tears
For the dawn draws near
And the world is about to turn!**

We remain standing and turn to face the Deacon

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Deacon 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 1.39-55)

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

Deacon In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

And Mary said,

'My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,

according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

At the conclusion of the Gospel

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

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:

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.**

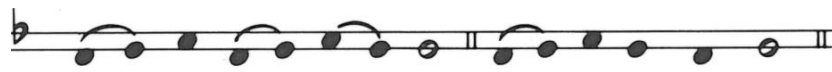
Please exchange a sign of peace

Please rise as you are able to sing hymn No 117 in Common Praise


- 1 Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung!
of Jesse's lineage coming
as seers of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright
amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.**
- 2 Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
the Rose I have in mind,
with Mary we behold it,
the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
she bore to us a Saviour,
when half spent was the night.**
- 3 O Flower, whose fragrance tender
with sweetness fills the air,
dispel in glorious splendour
the darkness everywhere;
true man, yet very God,
from sin and death now save us,
and share our every load.**

Prayer over the gifts

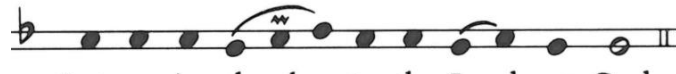
<i>Priest</i>	God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
<i>All</i>	Amen.



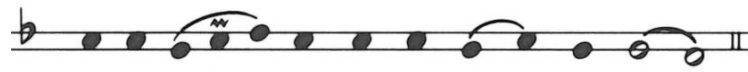
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.



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.) 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 Ave Maria M Archer

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 269 in Common Praise

- 1 **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 blesséd 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*

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

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Sortie sur *O Come Devine Messiah*

C Franck



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Please keep
one bishop-length apart.



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

Drive-through Reserved Sacrament 6pm to 7pm

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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