



CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

Adapted Eucharist from the BAS Prayer Book

A Season of Creation

September 2021

The Gathering of the Community September 26, 2021

Please remain in your appointed seat during the entire service. Where possible, it is recommended that you wear a face mask except to receive the blessed bread, at communion time. At communion time, please remain in your seat and the celebrant will bring communion to you, in a safe manner which conforms to the provincial and diocesan protocols. We are not permitted to engage in any congregational singing at this time. Please respect these safety protocols so that we may all remain safe as we gather once again.

Leader: As we meet today, we begin by remembering the Songhees and Esquimalt nations, on whose traditional land we now gather in gratitude. We acknowledge their story and their stewardship of the land and water, the plants, and animals, through the many generations. As we meet today, we remember those who have called this place their home in recent years—the community of faith known as Church of the Advent. Let us greet one another with words and signs of welcome.

Hymn: MV #87 “Water Flowing from the Mountain”

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
Be with you all.
People: **And also with you.**

Almighty God,
People: **to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom 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.**

TRISAGION (Said 3X) Led by LA

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

Collect appointed for today: Grant, O merciful God, **All that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Our service continues with the proclamation of the Word.

Chat at the Chancel: Rev. Paul

PSALM 125 BAS Pg. 884

1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, *
which cannot be moved but stands fast for ever.

2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; * **so does the Lord stand round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.**

3 The sceptre of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, * **so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.**

4 Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good *
and to those who are true of heart.

5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers;
* **but peace be upon Israel.**

A Reading from James 5:13 – 20

13 Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth yielded its harvest.

19 My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

For the Word of God is scripture,
For the Word of God is among us,
For the Word of God is within us,
Thanks be to God.

Hymn of the Day: CP #317 "Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah"

Gospel: John: 1:1-17

The Lord be with you

And also with you

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, ^{*} and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."') ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily Rev. Colleen

The Apostles' Creed

Deacon 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.

Prayers of the People

The prayers will be led by a member of the congregation and the response for each petition will be announced by the prayer leader.

Prayers of the People September 26, 2021

Prayers for National Day of Truth & Reconciliation (also known as “Orange Shirt Day”)

God of our Ancestors, who holds the spirits of our grandmothers and grandfathers and the spirits of our grandchildren, remembering the children, we now pledge ourselves to speak the Truth.

And to act upon the Truth we have heard.

Of the injustices lived; of the sufferings inflicted; of the tears cried; of the misguided intentions imposed; and of the power of prejudice and racism which were allowed to smother the sounds and laughter of the forgotten children.

**Hear our cries of lament for what was allowed to happen,
and for what will never be.**

In speaking and hearing and acting upon the Truth may we, as individuals and as a nation, meet the hope of a new beginning.

Great Creator God who desires that all creation live in harmony and peace, remembering the children, we dare to dream of a path of reconciliation.

A path where heartfelt apology might lead to a healing of the heart and the chance to restore the circle.

A path where justice might walk with us all, where respect would lead to true partnership, and where the power to change would come from each heart.

**Hear our prayer of hope and guide this country of Canada on a new and different path.
Amen.**

-From the published resources of the Diocese of Edmonton, Anglican Church of Canada.

Prayers of the People - God in Creation 4

Let us pray to Our Creator, that all creation will be brought to fruition and good for all God's created order.

You have created the universe by your eternal Word and have blessed humankind in making us stewards of the earth. We pray for our island home, this planet we call the Earth. May we share and conserve its resources, live in reverence for all creation, and reside in harmony with one another.

Lord of creation, in your mercy, hear us.

You have given us a place of great resources in which we reside. A land of streams and springs, wheat and barley, vines and oil and honey, great cedars, beautiful skies, vast expanses of land and water teeming with life, all created by your almighty hand. We have through our own

selfishness and unwillingness to share your gifts garnered a world of suffering and sorrow. We pray for those who bear the weight of affliction, those who live lives without the necessities of life. Show us the path so they may come to share the life of wholeness and plenty.

Lord of creation, **in your mercy, hear us.**

In Christ you call us to a new way of life, loving our neighbours before ourselves. Help us to treat with care and respect the world as it is as we live in hope and anticipation of the world as it will be when your kingdom comes, and your will is done. Thank you for those, living and departed, who have shown a true respect for your creation ... Help us to follow in their footsteps, until, with them, we see you face to face, where all is made new in Christ our Lord.

Lord of creation, **in your mercy, hear us.**

We pray for those who have asked for our prayers, and we pray for those who need prayers, but have no one to pray for them. We pray for Cynthia, Irene, Travis, Bill, Christopher, Dianne, Sheila, Barb, Kian, Sierra, and the staff and residents of Broadmead Lodge. I invite you now to pray aloud or silently for any others you hold in your heart. We pray that all who have asked for our prayers may know the healing power of God, and that those who die today may not die alone.

Lord of creation, **in your mercy, hear us.**

We pray for all who mourn the loss of loved ones, especially the family and friends of David Rolfe. Loving Lord hold them and all people who mourn in the warmth of Your arms. They do not mourn alone. Give us the strength and courage to help them through their time of sorrow.

Lord of creation, **in your mercy, hear us.**

O great Creator, dynamic of love, accept the petitions of your people here in this place. Grant us grace to live as good stewards of your Creation, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.
Amen

— from New Patterns for Worship © The Archbishops' Council 2002. From the Church of England's Common Worship website.

Confession and Absolution

LA Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

LA 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.

Celebrant May 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.

People Amen.

The Peace

Pandemic protocols require that we do not hug, shake hands, or touch anyone at the peace. Stay in your appointed seat and greet one another from a socially acceptable two metres, with a wave and a smile with your eyes.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The table is prepared

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: Eternal God,

All in Jesus Christ we behold your glory. Receive the offering of your people gathered before you and open our hearts and mouths to praise your salvation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer *From the Eucharist of the Islands and Inlets*
Eucharistic Prayer A – A prayer to celebrate this Season of Renewal

Celebrant: God is here

People: The Spirit is with us.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts and minds.

People: We lift them to God.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God the Creator.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Great Creator, with wit and wisdom you formed the universe. In expectation, your Spirit brooded over all: the midwife of transformation. At your Word, the skies, the seas, the lands, and all life came to be. In you, all created things shared life with one another. In ceremony and song, dance and art, these relationships were portrayed and honoured by the first peoples of these Islands and Inlets. The plants, the cedars, the creatures of forest, sea and air revealed your wonder and majesty. When we turned from you, connections were broken, and creation suffered. Still, you continued to bring light from night, freedom from slavery, and life from death. Therefore, together with our ancestors in faith and with your beloved creation we pray:

Sanctus

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: We praise you, Source of all, for the living Word: Jesus Born in poverty; a child refugee, a worker with his hands. He gathered disciples and taught and healed the people. He freely shared our sorrow, joy, and pain. In vulnerability, he showed power over sin and triumphed over death. On the night before Jesus died, he feasted with his companions. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them saying, "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you, do this to remember me."

After supper he took the cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to his companions saying,

"Drink this, all of you; this is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and the world for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me."

Entering into the mystery of faith we pray:

All: Come Source of life. Come, transforming Word. Come, Creator Spirit.

Celebrant: With his sacred presence unbounded by space and time, we offer to you this bread and cup. Send your Breath of Life, like wind, blowing where it will, north, south, east, and west. May your Spirit brood over these gifts and all who feast at this table offering a foretaste of the eternal feast to come. May all who share your abundant gifts be incorporated as one body and one holy people, joined in the offering of Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection for the reconciliation of all things. Reveal the unity of your Church and the mystery of our communion with our holy forebears and those yet to be born, that we may be guided in faith and walk gently on the earth. Glory and honour to you Triune God, dynamic of love, complete and perfect unity, now, and in all ages.

All: Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant 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.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Please stand in place at your chair, as you are able. The celebrant, having gloved and wearing a face mask, will move from person to person, communicating each person with the bread only. There will be no direct touch between the celebrant and each person. The wafer will be dropped onto your open hands using small stainless tongs. After you have received the blessed wafer, please be seated to indicate that you have received communion.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant: Creator,

All strengthen the unity of your Church so that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfill your will in this world.

We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Shared Ministry

Blessing Celebrant

May God Almighty, who created the world, give you grace to be wise stewards of this creation.

All Amen

May God the Son, who redeemed the world, inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest.

All Amen

May God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole of creation, help you to bear fruits of love, joy, and peace

All Amen

Celebrant The blessing of God our Creator, the Son, our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit, our Comforter be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

-"Let All Things Their Creator Bless": Liturgy for Use During the Season of Creationtide, Diocese of Guilford, p. 37

Commissioning Hymn: MV #37 "Each Blade of Grass"

Commissioning

Deacon Tend the earth, care for God's good creation, and bring forth the fruits of righteousness. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

"Let All Things Their Creator Bless": Liturgy for Use During the Season of Creationtide, Diocese of Guilford, pp. 38-39