

*Welcome to the Anglican Parish
of St. Philip by-the-Sea*



“Journeying together in God’s love”

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Sunday, December 5, 2021
Second Sunday of Advent

Gathering Music:

O Come O Come Emmanuel

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

Lighting of the Advent Candle:
(twice through)

Hope is a Star

**Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
giving a promise of safety and worth.**

Refrain:

**When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.**

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament:

Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction,
O Jerusalem,
and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God.
Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;

for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven.
For God will give you evermore the name,
‘Righteous Peace, Godly Glory’.

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;
look towards the east,
and see your children gathered from west and east
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.
For they went out from you on foot,
led away by their enemies;
but God will bring them back to you,
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.
For God has ordered that every high mountain and the
everlasting hills be made low
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.
The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded Israel at God’s command.
For God will lead Israel with joy,
in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

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

Canticle 19 - The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1.68–79)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would
save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

to give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow
of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Epistle:

Philippians 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.

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Gradual Hymn: CP 123 Once in Royal David's City

Gospel:

Luke 3:1-6

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.” ’

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray....

For those arrogant people often found in politics, business, education, and religion: that they may be brought low enough to recognise their own need and bold enough to trust in God.

For the lowly and the unthanked people, those easily forgotten and marginalised; the unjustly treated, and those falsely accused: that they may receive the justice of Christ and the dignity of the children of God.

For the rough people, some who injure others without realising it and those who wrongly take pleasure in making others miserable: that they may become more aware, repent and learn the gentle strength of Jesus.

For the crooked, corrupt or just plain uncaring: that they may be confronted with the Saviour who can make the crooked straight and the lost found.

For the church everywhere, and for this congregation gathered in this house of hospitality: that we may allow the Spirit of Christ, through comfort or discomfort, to complete the work so wonderfully begun in us.

God of faithfulness, your promises can always be trusted. Help us to trust you now and always, that as we try to love both neighbours and enemies, and do good to both the just and the unjust, we may be emboldened, guided, and nudged by your Holy Spirit. Though Christ Jesus our Advent hope; **Amen.**

Offertory Hymn:

CP 140

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Communion Hymns:

CP 551

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

CP 562

Dona Nobis Pacem

Recessional Hymn:

CP 425

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

In the Worldwide Anglican Communion, we pray for: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

In our Diocese of British Columbia, we pray for: Anna, our bishop. S. Barnabas, Victoria - James Cowan. Diocese of New Westminster - Bishop John Stephens.

This week in our Parish Family of St. Philip by-the-Sea, we pray for our interim priest, Heather Robinson. We pray for Phyllis Fair, June Farmer, Betty Feick and for all their families. We pray for peace and for all refugees around the world.

Upcoming Advent Sundays at St. Philip-by-the Sea - 2021

Joy - Sunday, Dec 12th – Skivvies, Socks and Blankets Sunday: For the third Advent Sunday, we are asking you to consider purchasing new, still in their packages, men’s and/or women’s underwear and/or warm socks. Alternatively, you could purchase a warm blanket or hats and gloves. These items will be provided to local shelters to be distributed to those in need at this time of year.

Love – Sunday, Dec 19th - PWRDF Sunday (The Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund

The funds collected will be donated towards items in the PWRDF’s gift-giving catalogue by the Outreach Group, which includes Maureen Lawrence. Please make your cheque payable to St. Philip By-The-Sea and make a note in the memo line that it is to go to the “PWRDF” for this collection. Or, go online shopping in the PWRDF “world of gifts” catalogue from the comfort of your own home and show your love to others. You can access the catalogue and information about their Advent reflections by going to their website: <https://pwrdf.org>

