

St. John the Divine Anglican Church



Sunday December 5th, 2021
Second Sunday of Advent

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Welcome and Announcements

The Gathering of the Community

We light the first candle of the Advent wreath.

Celebrant
People

Holy One,
we thank you for the glimpses we catch of your gift of daring love. Even in the midst of fear, of challenge, of struggle— even when we cannot yet see a better day when we will act like the human family we are, ignite the flame of love within us, that we might glow with its brilliance from the inside out. Amen.

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Advent Hymn:

Hope is a Star Vs 1&2

Hope is a star that shines in the night,
leading us on till the morning is bright.

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.*

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

Refrain

Greeting

Celebrant
People

Restore us, O Creator of the stars of night;
show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

People Will you not give us life again,
so that your people may rejoice in you?
Show us your mercy, O God,
People **and grant us your salvation.**
Blessed is the Christ who comes in your name!
People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Collect of the Day

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

Celebrant Let us pray.
God of timeless grace,

People **you fill us with joyful expectation: make us
ready for the message that prepares the
way, so that with uprightness of heart and
holy joy we may eagerly await the coming
of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now
and for ever. Amen.**

Opening Hymn: O Come, Divine Messiah CP95

O COME, DIVINE MESSIAH

VENEZ, DIVIN MESSIE

Verses



1. O come, di - vine Mes - si - ah; The world in
 2. O Christ, whom na - tions sigh for, Whom priest and
 3. You come in peace and meek - ness And low - ly

1. si - lence waits the day When hope shall sing its
 2. proph - et long fore - told, Come, break the cap - tive's
 3. will your cra - dle be; All clothed in hu - man

1. tri - umph And sad - ness flee a - way.
 2. fet - ters, Re - deem the long - lost fold.
 3. weak - ness Shall we your God - head see.

Refrain



Dear Sav - ior, haste! Come, come to earth. Dis - pel the
 night and show your face, and bid us hail the dawn of grace. O
 come, di - vine Mes - si - ah; the world in si - lence waits the day when
 hope shall sing its tri - umph and sad - ness flee a - way.

Text: 78 76 with refrain; Abbé Simon-Joseph Pellegrin, 1663–1745; tr. by S. Mary of St. Philip, 1877.
 Music: Trad. French Carol, 16th cent.

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Children's Time

The Proclamation of the Word

We sit to listen for the word of God

1st Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Reader	Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
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.

2nd Reading: Philippians 1:3-11

Reader	Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People	Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel	(as you are able, please stand)
Gospeller	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Gospeller	The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 3:1-6
People	Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
	At the conclusion...
Gospeller	The Gospel of Christ!
People	Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**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

Standing, sitting or kneeling, we offer prayer as a community for the Church, for the world, for those in need and for those who have died.

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ,
as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins.

All **Most merciful God,**
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 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

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

Offertory Hymn: Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Comfort, comfort ye my people;
speak of 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.

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 the warning call obey!
Now prepare for Christ a way;
let the valleys rise to meet him
and the hills bow down to greet him.

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.

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Offertory Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray,
God our strength,

All **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.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of...
...hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

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 give thanks to you, Lord our God, for ...
...Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All **we remember his death, we proclaim his
resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise...
...Father, now and for ever. People Amen.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth
as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin
against us. Save us from the time of trial, and
deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Fraction Statement

Celebrant 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.**

If you wish to receive a blessing rather than the bread, place your hand over your heart. If you wish to receive a wafer, extend two hands. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray,
Faithful God,

All **we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.**

Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,
All **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: People Look East

People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the rose, is on the way.

Birds, though you long have ceased to build,
Guard the nest that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings are frozen
God for fledging time has chosen.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the bird, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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Dismissal

Prayer Request for Sunday December 5th , 2021

The Church

The Deanery of Kingsway – The Reverend Wilmer Toyoken,
Regional Dean

Our companion diocese, the Episcopal Diocese of the Northern
Philippines

St. John the Divine, Squamish – The Reverend Cameron
Gutjahr, Rector, Canon Donald J. Lawton, Honorary Assistant

Our mutual ministry goals for 2022: Children & Families, St.
Bernard's, Sustainability and Joy.

Immediate Prayer Requests

Wilhelm, Marcella, Brian and Carol Cheal, Edie, Joan Phillips,
Maria and Plinio, Cody, Clive, Jessica, Susan, Eleanor, The
Howe Sound Women's Centre, the residents of Hilltop
House, the residents of Shannon Falls, the Elders of the
Squamish Nation and the patients of Squamish General
Hospital.

In this time of COVID-19, we pray for all who are sick, for all
who are grieving, for health care professionals, researchers
and emergency personnel.

