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ANGELICAN CHURCH OF CANADA



# St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church

*servicing North Vancouver since 1899*

***November 28, 2021***

***First Sunday of Advent***

***Contemplative Service***

*Please maintain silence in the sanctuary*

***10:00 a.m. Family Eucharist***

*Celebrant: The Reverend Patrick Blaney*

*Guest Preacher: Alison Brookfield*

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# **WELCOME**

*We are glad you have joined us for worship this morning. We ask that you please turn all cell phones and other electronic devices off or to "silent".*

**St John's North Vancouver Parish recognizes we are on the unceded Coast Salish territories within the Musquam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.**

## ***Ministering today at our 10:00 a.m. service:***

<i>Celebrant:</i>	<i>The Reverend Patrick Blaney</i>
<i>Guest Preacher:</i>	<i>Alison Brookfield</i>
<i>Musician:</i>	<i>Galina Martyniuk, piano and organ</i>
<i>Choir Director:</i>	<i>Christie Smith</i>
<i>Liturgical Assistant:</i>	<i>Jill Parsons</i>
<i>Crucifer &amp; Server:</i>	<i>Hazel Breakey</i>
<i>Readers:</i>	<i>John Spender, Hazel Breakey</i>
<i>Intercessor:</i>	<i>Will be sung</i>

***Flowers in the Sanctuary today*** are given to the glory of God by Anita Mackintosh and family in loving memory of Freda Cargill.

## ***Prelude & Announcements***

Advent CHRISTIAN YEAR  
**Prepare the Way 107**

Pre - pare the way of the Lord, pre -

pare the way of the Lord, and all peo - ple will

see the sal - va - tion of our God. Pre -

*May be sung as a 4-part round or canon.*

Text: Luke 3.4, 6; para. Taizé Community (France).

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 PREPARE THE WAY

**Three Bells**

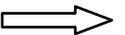
**Processional Hymn**

## 89 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, who or - ders all things  
 3 O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to your tribes on

Is - ra - el that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
 might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge show,  
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times once gave the law,

*Refrain*  
 un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 and teach us in her ways to go.  
 in cloud and ma - jes - ty and awe. Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce!



The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el." The middle and bottom staves are piano accompaniment, with the middle staff in treble clef and the bottom staff in bass clef, both sharing the one-sharp key signature. The piano part features a rhythmic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

Text: Latin (9th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818–1866), alt.  
 Music: Plainsong, Mode 1, *Processionale* (15th cent.); arr. Healey Willan (1880–1968), alt.  
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LM with refrain  
 VENI EMMANUEL

# ***The Gathering of the Community***

## **The Grace**

Celebrant  
**All** We gather in the name of God,  
**Creator of the universe, source of true humanity,  
mother and father of all. Amen.**

Celebrant  
**All** We gather in the name of Jesus,  
**Word made flesh,  
saviour of wounded humanity,  
lover of all. Amen.**

Celebrant  
**All** We gather in the name of the Holy Spirit,  
**Lord and giver of life,  
midwife of our new humanity,  
inspirer of us all. Amen.**

Celebrant  
**All** Come then, Eternal God:  
**Be present here. Befriend us here.  
Renew us here.**

## ***The Collect***

Celebrant  
**All** Almighty God,  
**give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life  
in which your Son Jesus Christ  
came to us in great humility,  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge both the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

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# Hope Is a Star

Unison C

1 Hope is a star that shines in the night,  
 2 Peace is a rib - bon that cir - cles the earth,  
 3 Joy is a song that wel - comes the dawn,  
 4 Love is a flame that burns in our heart,

lead - ing us on till the morn - ing is bright.  
 giv - ing a prom - ise of safe - ty and worth.  
 tell - ing the world that the Sav - iour is born.  
 Je - sus has come and will nev - er de - part.

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 a - fraid.

Words: Brian Wren 1985  
 Music: Joan Collier Foggy 1987

MOON BEAMS  
 Irregular with refrain

**Waiting in Hope** ( Children & Youth are invited to gather around the Advent Wreath)

- First Voice            On this first Sunday in Advent, we light this candle and name it Hope. *(light first blue candle)*
- Second Voice        When we light it, we feel excited. We are looking forward to something special. What can it be? When is it going to happen? When we light this candle, we feel hopeful as we wait in this season.
- First Voice            This candle reminds us that the prophet Isaiah was longing for God's presence too.
- Second Voice        It reminds us that the people in the early church were longing for God's presence too.
- First Voice            This candle is a symbol for our own longing for God to be with us. We wait in hope for God to surprise us and break into our lives.
- All                      O God, come, travel with us through Advent.  
Give us the courage to spread hope in the world.  
Amen.**

## ***The Proclamation of the Word***

***The First Reading:*** read by John Spender

A reading from the book of Jeremiah

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Jeremiah 33:14-16

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

**All Thanks be to God.**

***Psalm 25***

**To you, O Lord, \*  
I lift up my soul;**

**my God, I put my trust in you;\*  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

**Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

**Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.**

**Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the  
day long.**

**Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.**

**Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your  
goodness, O Lord.**

**Gracious and upright are you, O Lord; \*  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

**You guide the humble in doing right \*  
and teach your way to the lowly.**

***The Second Reading:*** read by Hazel Breakey  
A reading from the first Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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

**All Thanks be to God.**

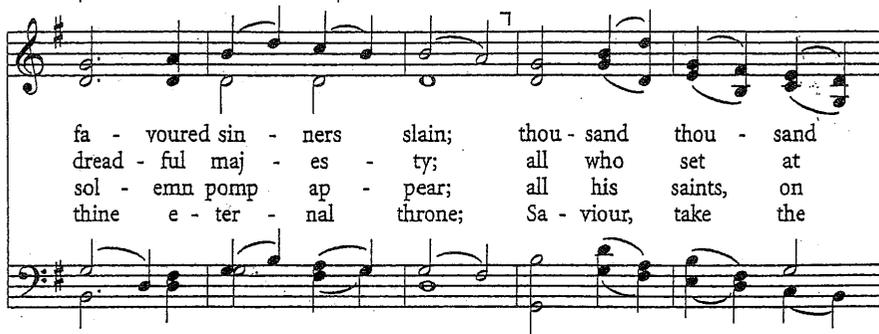
**Gradual Hymn** *All stand for the Gospel. Before the reading of the Gospel, the first half of the Gradual Hymn is sung.*

CHRISTIAN YEAR Advent

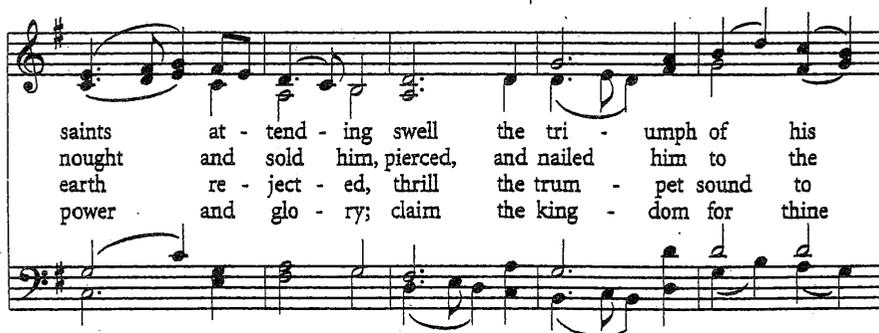
## 114 Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending



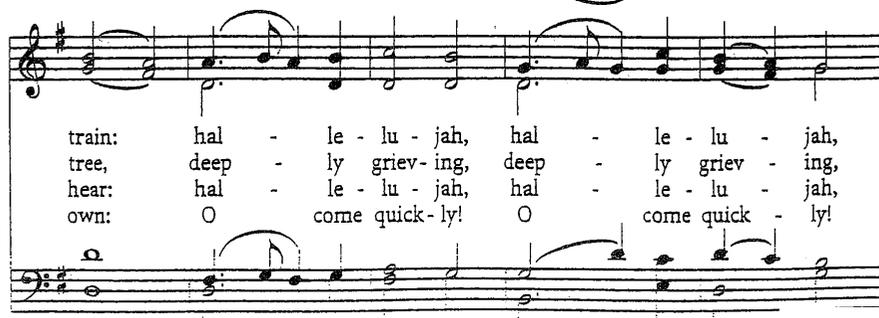
1 Lo, he comes with clouds de - scend - ing, once for  
 2 Ey - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in  
 3 Now re - demp - tion, long ex - pect - ed, see in  
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee, high on



fa - voured sin - ners slain; thou - sand thou - sand  
 dread - ful maj - es - ty; all who set at  
 sol - emn pomp ap - pear; all his saints, on  
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - viour, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his  
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the  
 earth re - ject - ed, thrill the trum - pet sound to  
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,  
 tree, deep - ly griev - ing, deep - ly griev - ing,  
 hear: hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,  
 own: O come quick - ly! O come quick - ly!



hal - le - lu - jah! God ap - pears on earth to reign.  
 deep - ly griev - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
 hal - le - lu - jah! See the day of God ap - pear!  
 O come quick - ly! Hal - le - lu - jah! Come, Lord, come!

Text: John Cannick (1718-1755), Charles Wesley (1707-1788), Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt.  
 Music: Melody attrib. Thomas Olivers (1725-1799) and Martin Madan (1726-1790).

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## ***The Gospel— First Sunday of Advent***

### ***Three Bells***

Liturgical Assistant

The Lord be with you.

**All**

**And also with you.**

Liturgical Assistant

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke

**All**

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

‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’

Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

Luke 21:25-36

Liturgical Assistant

The Gospel of Christ.

**All**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*At the conclusion of the Gospel, the second half of the Gradual Hymn is sung.*

## ***Sermon***

Alison Brookfied

## ***Time for Reflection***

## **Apostle's Creed**

Celebrant

**All**

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**I believe in God the Father almighty,  
maker 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, dead, and buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated on 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

Words and Music by John L. Bell and Graham Maule © 1989 WGRG, Iona Community, Glasgow, Scotland

Lis - ten, Lord, lis - ten, Lord,

not to our words but to our prayer. You a - lone,

you a - lone un - der - stand and care.

*Please take whatever position is best for you for prayer.*

**The Prayers of the People will be sung**

## Intercessions

## Sung

*All*  
**A** *repeat continuously* **B**

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

*Leader or Assistant* **B**

1. In peace, in peace, we pray to you:
2. For peace and sal - va - tion, we pray to you:
3. For peace be-tween na-tions, for peace be-tween peo - ples:
4. For us, who are gath-ered to wor-ship and praise you:
5. For all of your ser-vants who live out your gos - pel:
6. For all those who gov-ern, that jus-tice might guide them:
7. For all those who la - bor in ser-vice to oth - ers:
8. Grant weath-er that nour-ish - es all of cre - a - tion:
9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from dan - ger:
10. For all the be - lov - ed who rest in your mer - cy:

*Leader or Assistant*

Help us, com-fort us, all of our days:

*All*

Keep us, hold us, gra - cious God.

**The Church:** Archbishop Lynne McNaughton our Metropolitan, Bishop John Stephens, Linda Nicholls our Primate, Mark MacDonald the Indigenous Archbishop of Canada and Patrick our Priest. Bishop Brent Alawas, and the Clergy and People of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines. Our companion parish, St John the Evangelist Mission and Outstations, Pasnadan The Reverend Tristan Bati-el. St. Andrew, Langley - The Revd Andrew Halladay, The Revd Helen Lingham, The Revd Lorie Martin; Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, The Most Revd Linda Nichols Indigenous Archbishop, The Most Revd Mark MacDonald General Secretary, The Venerable Alan Perry, and The General Synod Staff.

**The Local Community:** City & District of North Vancouver, Queen Mary Community School. For the Cities of Merritt and Abbotsford, and for all who have been affected by the recent flooding in our Province.

**The World:** *Advent Calendar*

*Rowan Williams (The Poems of Rowan Williams, Perpetua Press 2002)*

*He will come like last leaf's fall.  
One night when the November wind  
has flayed the trees to bone, and earth  
wakes choking on the mould,  
the soft shroud's folding.*

*He will come like frost.  
One morning when the shrinking earth  
opens on mist, to find itself  
arrested in the net  
of alien, sword-set beauty.*

*He will come like dark.  
One evening when the bursting red  
December sun draws up the sheet  
and penny-masks its eye to yield  
the star-snowed fields of sky.  
He will come, will come,  
will come like crying in the night,  
like blood, like breaking,  
as the earth writhes to toss him free.  
He will come like child.*



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.

**All                     Amen.**

## ***Sharing of The Peace***

*We stand as we are able remain in place and greet our neighbours in the name of the Lord with a nod or a bow.*

Celebrant            May the peace of Christ always be with you.

**All                     And also with you.**

# Offertory Hymn

CHRISTIAN YEAR ADVENT

## 102 Prepare the Way, O Zion

1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sav - iour's rule em - brace.

Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
 His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.

Greet one who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
 All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.

Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

## **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

### **Preparation of the Gifts**

*Representatives of the people present the gifts of bread and wine for the Eucharist. Your thoughtful and generous gifts enable our worship and ministry to our world. Please place your offerings in the collection plate at the back of the church. We thank you very much.*

### **Doxology**

**All**                    **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise Him, all creatures here below;**  
**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:**  
**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

### **Prayer Over The Gifts**

**Celebrant**            **God of love and power,**  
**All**                    **your word stirs within us**  
**the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept**  
**all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your**  
**promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of**  
**Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant            This is the table of the Lord Jesus Christ.  
 It is to be made ready  
 for those who love him  
 and who want to love him more.  
 So come,

**All                    we who have much faith  
 and we who have little,  
 we who have been here often  
 and we who have not been for a long time,  
 we who have tried to follow  
 and we who have failed.**

Celebrant            Come. This is our Lord's invitation.

**All                    It is his will that those who seek him  
 should meet him here.**

**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,  
 Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant            Now let us hear the story  
 of how this sacrament began:  
 On the night on which Jesus was betrayed,  
 he sat at supper with his disciples.  
 While they were eating, he took a piece of bread,  
 said a blessing, broke it and gave it to them with the  
 words,  
 "This is my body. It is broken for love of you.  
 Do this to remember me".

Celebrant Later he took a cup of wine, saying:  
 "This cup is God's new covenant,  
 sealed with my love and my life blood.  
 Drink from it, all of you, to remember me."

**All So now, following Jesus' example and command,  
 we take this bread and this wine,  
 the ordinary things of the world  
 which Christ will make special.  
 And as he said a prayer before sharing,  
 let us do so too.**

Celebrant And now, lest we believe  
 that our praise alone fulfills your purpose,  
 we fall silent and remember him who came because  
 words weren't enough.

*(Silent reflection)*

Celebrant Setting our wisdom, our will, and our words aside,  
**All emptying our hearts,  
 and bringing nothing in our hands,  
 we yearn for the healing, the holding, the  
 accepting, the forgiving, which Christ alone can  
 offer.**

*(Silent reflection)*

Celebrant Merciful God, send now,  
 in your abounding kindness and generosity,  
 your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine  
 and fill them with the fullness of Jesus.

**All May that same Spirit rest on us,  
 converting us from the patterns of this passing  
 world, until we conform to the shape of him  
 whose food we now share. Amen.**

*(Silent Reflection)*

## The Lord's Prayer

*Cantor*

As our Sa-viour Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*All*

Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-lowed be your Name,  
 your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea-ven.  
 Give us to-day our dai-ly bread.  
 For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us.  
 Save us from the time of tri-al, and de-liv-er us from e-vil.  
 For the king-dom, the power, and the glo-ry are yours,  
 now and for ev-er. A-men.

## The 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.**

## The Communion

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God, for the people of God.  
**All** **Thanks be to God.**

*All who love God and desire Christ are welcome to receive communion at this table.  
 (Covid Precaution – Communion is offered in bread only. Please maintain 2 meters  
 between as you come forward. Please come forward to the right or left of the Altar and  
 come up to the Altar alternating right and left. Please go back to your pew in the centre  
 aisle and then consume your wafer at your seat. Thank you).*

# Communion Hymns

## I Come to You

Bbm  
*do not sing first two times*

E♭

Bbm

Christie Lee Smith

Descant



Come, I come to you.

Melody



1. Come, I come to you with o - pen hands  
2. Take, I take this bread and drink this wine

*do not sing first time*

Voice 2



*begin singing here*

hands, { 1. come to you with o - pen  
2. take this bread and drink this, }

I come to you with o - pen

## EVERY STAR SHALL SING A CAROL

CAROL 878767

Sydney Carter 1915-

1 Ev-ery star shall sing a car-oll!

Ev-ery crea-ture, high or low, come and praise the King of hea-ven

by what-ev - er name you know. God a - bove, Man be - low,



Gm Cm Gm Dm<sup>7</sup> Gm Gm G<sup>7</sup> C Cm Gm Dm<sup>7</sup> Gm

v.v. 1-5 v. 6

ho - ly is the name I know. ho - ly is the name I know.

The image shows a musical score for a song. It consists of two systems of music. The first system is a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains two measures of music. The first measure is marked 'v.v. 1-5' and the second 'v. 6'. Above the staff are guitar chords: Gm, Cm, Gm, Dm7, Gm, Gm, G7, C, Cm, Gm, Dm7, Gm. Below the staff is the lyrics: 'ho - ly is the name I know. ho - ly is the name I know.' The second system consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom, with a key signature of one flat. It contains two measures of music, with a double bar line between them. The first measure has a slur over the treble staff notes. The second measure has a slur over the bass staff notes.

- 2 When the King of all creation  
had a cradle on the earth,  
holy was the human body,  
holy was the human birth.  
God above, Man below,  
holy is the name I know.
- 3 Who can tell what other cradle,  
high above the milky way,  
still may rock the King of heaven  
on another Christmas day?  
God above, Man below,  
holy is the name I know.

Advent CHRISTIAN YEAR

# Wait for the Lord, Whose Day Is Near 94

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near." The chords are Em, C, Am6, and B. The second system also has a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!" The chords are Em, D, G, Am, B, and Em. The score includes a bass line with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a focus on the lyrics.

Em C Am<sup>6</sup> B

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Em D G Am B Em

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Text: Ps. 31.24 and Ps. 130.5; para. Taizé Community (France).

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WAIT FOR THE LORD

## ***Prayer after Communion***

Celebrant            Christ's food in our souls,  
**All**                    **Our food shared like his.**

Celebrant            Christ's life in our hands,  
**All**                    **Our lives shaped by his.**

Celebrant            Christ's love in our hearts,  
**All**                    **Our love warmed through his.**

Celebrant            Christ's peace on our path,  
**All**                    **Our path following his.**

## ***The 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***

*Three Bells*

# BB 59 The Advent of our King

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*Harmonischer Liederschatz, 1738. Descant by Dr. ALAN GRAY.*

The musical score is arranged in four systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (treble and bass clefs). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The score concludes with the text 'A-men.' written below the final notes of the piano part.

The Advent of our King  
 Our prayers must now employ,  
 And we must hymns of welcome sing  
 In strains of holy joy.

The Everlasting Son  
 Incarnate deigns to be  
 Himself a servant's form puts on,  
 To set his servants free.

Daughter of Sion, rise  
 To meet thy lowly King;  
 Nor let thy faithless heart despise  
 The peace he comes to bring.

## ***Dismissal***

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

**All**

**And also with you.**

Celebrant

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Our worship is now over, and our service begins.

**All**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Please maintain silence in the Sanctuary so that those who wish may remain in prayer.**

