



ADVENT 4

DECEMBER 19, 2021

10 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE



Presider: Rev. Sharon Smith
Music: Rob Gloor & Singers
Coffee Group: Penny Zuk, Roslyn Jackson and Julia Hadrill
Greeters: Tony Dodd and Pip Stigger
Altar Guild: Heather Luccock
Reader 1: Janet Johnston
Reader 2: Pip Stigger
Intercessor: Linda Robertson
Livestream: Gordon Lee
Sunday Teacher: Ethan Spence

As you enter the church, we invite you to light a votive candle to remember a person or situation that you carry on your heart. Candles are also available during communion.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Intentions: Rev Sharon Smith

Presider: In this time and place
We gather on the unceded
ancestral lands of the Squamish
and Tsleil-Watuth nations

**All: From many places and peoples
we come to this house of prayer.**

Presider: In this time and place we await the
coming of Emmanuel, God with us.

All: Maranatha, Come Christ Come.

Presider: In this time and place, we await
God's transformation of the world,

All: Maranatha, Come Christ Come.

Presider: In this time and place, we await
the coming of peace on earth.

All: Maranatha, Come Christ Come.

Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Reader: We light this candle of peace,
remembering your call to put on beauty
and humility and to embody your
righteousness.

Gathering Hymn: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Immanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.
O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in its ways to go.

Refrain

O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times did give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.

Refrain

O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem,
from every foe deliver them
that trust your might power to save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.

Refrain

O come, O Key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home.
Make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.

Refrain

O come, O Dayspring from one high
and cheer us by your drawing nigh:
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight

Refrain

O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our bitter conflict cease,
and be for us our Prince of Peace.

Refrain

Presider: 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.

Presider:

Ever-present God,

All:

**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**

Prayer of the Day (Collect):

Presider:

God made known in the friendship of
women,

All:

**The word of greeting
And unseen life enwombed:
Give us the courage
Of the teenage mother
Who brings in the world
A song of joyful revolt
And a God who needs her love.
Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Micah 5:2-5a

The prophet Micah, having pronounced judgment upon Judah, now speaks of a future shepherd-king who, like David, will come from the small town of Bethlehem. This king will restore Israel and bring peace.

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 labor 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.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle - Tell Out, My Soul

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of His Word;
In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name!
Make known His might, the deeds
His arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy Name, the Lord, the mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight;
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of His Word!
Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure.
Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and forevermore!

Reading 2: Hebrews 10:5-10

The author of Hebrews uses the image of religious sacrifice to convey the significance of Christ's coming.

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: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: Heavenly Office

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,
blessed are you, and blessed your son;
he will be called the child of the highest,
Saviour of all, the holy one.

Mary replied to Gabriel's message,
"I am the servant, maid of the Lord.
Let it be done just as you have spoken,
My soul rejoices in God's saving word."

Refrain

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)

Elizabeth, John's mother, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, are two women filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith. In Elizabeth's inspired greeting and Mary's song of praise we hear of a saving God who remembers, scatters, lifts up, and fulfills all things.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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 leaped 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 leaped for joy.

And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.” [

And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

for he has looked with favor 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 forever.”

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn cont:

In the beginning, when God has 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:

Mary we hail you, full of God's favour,
blessed are you, and blessed your son;
he will be called the child of the highest,
Saviour of all, the holy one.

Homily: Rev. Sharon

Reflective Silence follows.

Affirmation of Faith:

Presider: Moses said,

**All: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God,
the Lord is one.**

Presider:

And Jesus affirmed:

All:

**Love the Lord your God with
all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your
mind,
And with all your strength.
This is the first and the great
commandment, the second is like it:
Love your neighbor as yourself.
There is no commandment greater
than these.**

All:

Spirit of God, search our hearts.



Artist: Tash Tudor

PRAYER

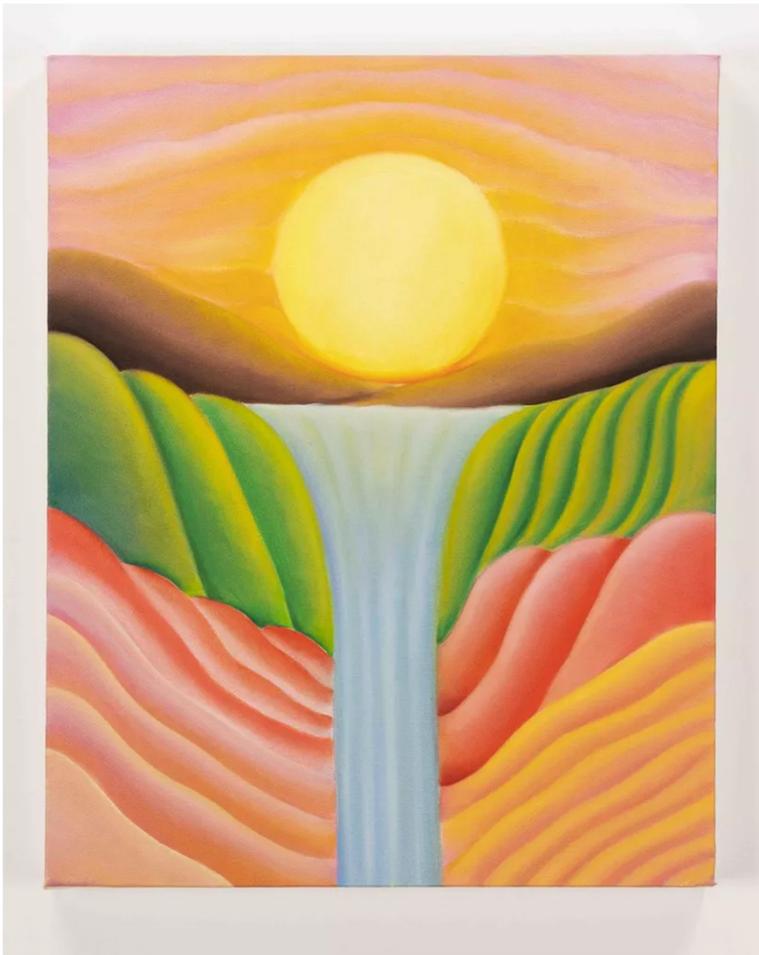
Prayers of the People

Confession:

Presider: Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
God welcomes all
and invites us to this table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Presider: Most merciful God,



Artist: Georgia O'Keefe

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.

Presider: Gracious 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 the Christ. Amen.

The Passing of the Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.
People: And also with you.

The community, standing at our seats, greet one another saying or gesturing: 'Peace be with you'.

Communion

Preparing the Table: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As men of old have sung
It came, a flow'ret bright,
Amid the cold of winter
When half spent was the night.

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 men a Saviour,
When half spent was the night.

O flow'r, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispel in glorious splendour
The darkness ev'ry where.
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death now save us,
And share our ev're load.

Prayers over the Gifts:

Presider: God of love and power,
**All: your word stirs within us
the expectation of the coming of the
Christ child. Accept all we offer you this
day, and sustain us with
your promise of life.
Amen**

The Eucharistic Prayer (*ELCIC III for Advent*)

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

Presider: Blessed are you gracious God,
Creator of heaven and earth;
Source of light and life.
In the fullness of time
you come among us enfleshed.
And so, together with all the choirs of
angels, your peoples on earth and in
heaven, we praise your name and join the
unending hymn:

Presider:

In the night
in which he was betrayed,
Jesus, in a room with his friends, took
bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and
shared it
saying take and eat;
this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,
he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink,
saying; This cup
is the new covenant in my blood
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin,
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Presider: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
**All: Christ has died
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Presider: With this bread and cup
we remember your Word
dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth,
We remember our new birth
And we look with hope for Christ's coming.
All: Come, Lord Jesus

**All: Holy God,
we long for your Spirit,
Come among us,
Bless this meal,
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light
Bring the gift of peace on earth.
Come, Holy Spirit.**

Presider: All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
And Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever,

All: Amen.

Lord's Prayer (*Sung*):

**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.**

**All: 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 (Breaking of Bread):

Presider: God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us
at your table.

**All: Happy are those who are called to the
supper of the Lamb.**

Invitation to the Table:

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Communion:

All people are welcome to receive Communion of one kind (Wafers). Gluten free wafer are available upon request.

Please wear your mask and sanitize your hands before receiving. We ask that you wait until you have returned to your seat before removing your mask and eating.

While the communion is being administered, we respectfully ask that you keep the silence.

Communion Hymns:

Come and Fill our Hearts

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord are holy,
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, allelulia!

Dona Nobis Pacem

Dona nobis pacem. Repeat



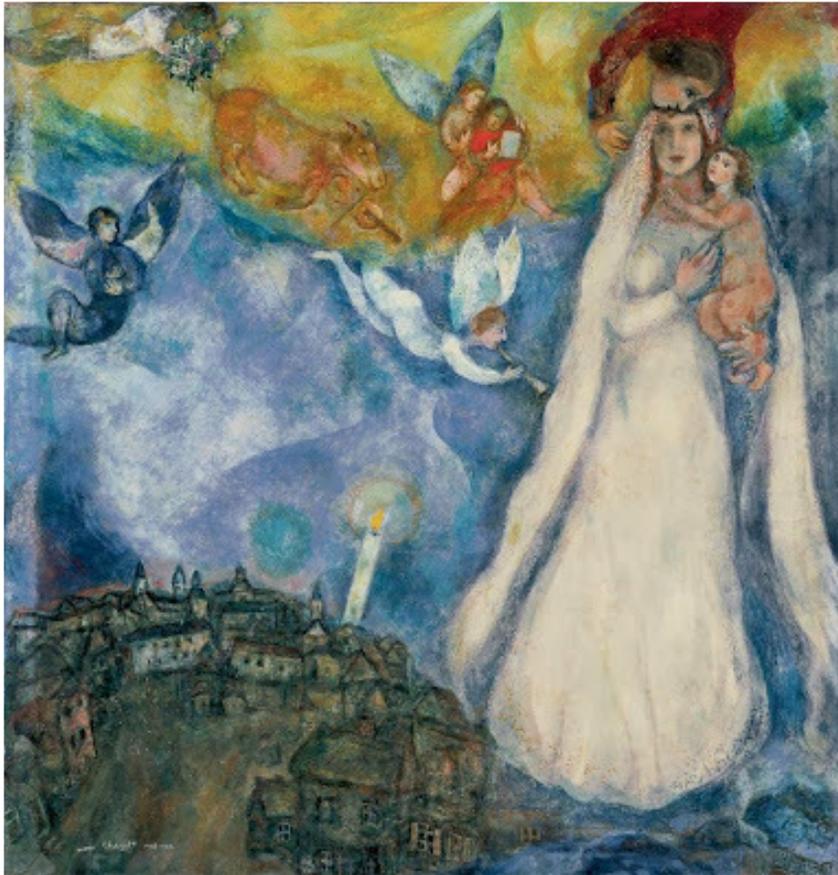
Artist: Mary Jane Williams

Prayer after Communion:

Presider:

All:

God for whom we wait,
**in this meal you give us a
foretaste of that day when
the hungry will be fed
with good things.
Send us forth to make
known your deeds
and to proclaim the
greatness of your name,
through Jesus the Christ,
our Lord Amen.**



Artist: Marc Chagall

Sending

Announcements

Prayer of Blessing – Rev. Sharon

Presider: And now may the God of Hope,

**All: Fill us with all joy and peace
in believing
Through the power of the Holy
Spirit. Amen.**



Artist: St John the Divine website

Sending Hymn: O Day of Peace

O day of peace that dimly shines
through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
guide us to justice, truth and love,
delivered from our selfish schemes.

May swords of hate fall from our hands,
our hearts from envy find release,
till by God's grace our warring world
shall see Christ promised reign of peace.

Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,
nor shall the fierce devour the small;
as beasts and cattle calmly graze,
a little child shall lead them all.

Then enemies shall learn to love,
all creatures find their true accord;
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled,
for all the earth shall know the Lord.

Dismissal

Presider:

Go forth in the name of Peace.

People:

Thanks be to God.



Artist: Leah Newton

CHRISTMASTIDE SERVICES

December 21st, 2021, 7-8 pm

Blue Christmas Service

St Andrews United Church

For any who need a quiet service for lament this season

December 24th, 2021, 3 – 3:45 pm

Intergenerational Christmas Eve Pageant

St Catherine's Church



Please join us as we journey to Bethlehem and experience the night Jesus was born. Pageant will take place in person, with Covid 19 safety protocols in place: Wearing masks & distancing in the pews.

We hope you, your children and grandchildren will become a character in our pageant. A shepherd, a sheep, Mary, an angel or a star... all are welcome.

St Catherine's Preschool has costumes and props which will be made available at 2:30 pm in the lobby.

December 24th, 2021, 5 pm
Traditional Christmas Eve
Service
St Catherine's Church



We are gathering in person this year, following Covid 19 safety plan protocols.

A one-hour Traditional Service with music, candlelight, readings, prayers, a Eucharist/ Communion (open to all) and homily.

To accommodate larger numbers we are requiring:

- A Vaccine Passport shown at the door OR
- Proof of a negative COVID test within 72 hours of attendance.

The service will be livestreamed for those unable to attend, viewed on St Catherine's YouTube channel.

December 25th, 2021, 10 am

Christmas Day Service

St Agnes Church

There will be a celebration of the Eucharist at 10 AM on Christmas Day at St Agnes. Guest celebrant will be the Reverend Helen Dunn of St Clement's, and the preacher will be Archdean Stephen Muir.

All are invited to this regional service for North Vancouver Anglicans and Lutherans (and anyone else who would like to come!).

If you would like to participate in this service as a reader or intercessor, please contact Archdeacon Muir at priest@saintagnes.ca.

Covid safety protocols in effect as per the diocesan policy.

St Agnes is located at 530 East 12th Street, North Vancouver, 1/2 block west of Grand Boulevard.

December 26th, 2021, 10 am

Lessons and Carols,

St. Catherine's Church



Nine Lessons (Readings) and Carols, also known as the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols and Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, is a service of Christian worship traditionally celebrated on or near Christmas Eve.