

HOLY EUCHARIST

THE 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude music

Announcements

Greeting

Celebrant We live and work and worship here
on land that has been stewarded by others.

People **We acknowledge the Coast Salish Peoples:
Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh nations.**

Celebrant We are walking a path of reconciliation with God's help.

People **May Christ's love be reflected in our words
and in our actions.**

Gathering Hymn

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Common Praise 88

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.**

**Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever;
now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By thine own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

The Lighting of the 1st Advent Candle: Hope

Children are invited to come forward to help with the Advent Wreath.

Celebrant We light this candle of hope,
remembering your promise to bring justice
and to be our righteousness.

People Risking hope in this season of anticipation,
watching and waiting for your Holy Light,

Celebrant We come in faith and say:

People **Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!**

Candle-lighting song: Christ be our Light

ELW 715

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness,
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.**

Refrain **Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

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Celebrant God of hope,

People **give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light;
so that on the last day,
when your Son Jesus shall come again
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to eternal life;
through him who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Linda Hagenson

a hopeful vision for peace...

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

ISAIAH 2:1-5

At the conclusion of the scripture, the reader says,

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People **Thanks be to God!**

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

Linda Hagenson

making the most of the present time...

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

ROMANS 13:11-14

At the conclusion of the scripture, the reader says,

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People **Thanks be to God!**

Please stand for the Gospel as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Leonard Cohen

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel According to Matthew

Nels Hagenson

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

keep alert for an unexpected coming...

But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two

will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

MATTHEW 24:36-44

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Leonard Cohen

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

Sermon

the Reverend Georgina Harris

Anthem

Star of Advent

by P. Choplin

Prayers of the People

Gary Chan

We speak with God of our concerns, longings, and thanks, followed by an admission that we are all in need of healing and forgiveness beyond our capacity:

Celebrant

Holy One,

People

we long for you.

You know our wounding and our broken-heartedness.

You know how others have hurt us,

and how we have hurt others.

You alone have the healing we need.

Yours is the love that changes everything. Amen.

Celebrant Our help is in the name of our God,
People **who is making all things new.**
Celebrant We will take refuge in your love,
People **for you give your beloved rest.**
Celebrant Our souls find rest in God alone,
People **therefore we hope in you.**

The Peace

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

You are invited to greet your neighbour appropriately, respecting each other's comfort with touch.

The gifts of bread and wine are brought forward to represent the love of God for us; the offering plate is brought forward representing our love for God. If you currently contribute to St. Francis-in-the-Wood via Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD), feel free to acknowledge that contribution by placing into the offering plate one of the 3.5" x 2" PAD cards in the pew.

If you wish to make an additional or separate donation please fill in the Offering Envelope, also in the pew. Cash, credit cards and cheques are all gratefully accepted. Tax receipts for amounts of \$25 or more will be issued. Thank you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offering Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Common Praise 393

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but nought changeth thee.**

**Great source of all glory and wisdom and light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.**

Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant God of love and power,

People **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.**

Eucharistic Prayer

ELW III

("Eucharist" means "good thanksgiving" in Greek)

Celebrant The Lord is here.

People **The Spirit of God is with us.**

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.**

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant With this bread and this cup we remember your Word dwelling
among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in
his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

People **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Celebrant 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.

People **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Celebrant All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God
incarnate, Power of the Most High, One God, now and forever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

You are invited to pray in the language and version closest to your heart:

Celebrant In the words that Jesus taught us, let us pray:
All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,**

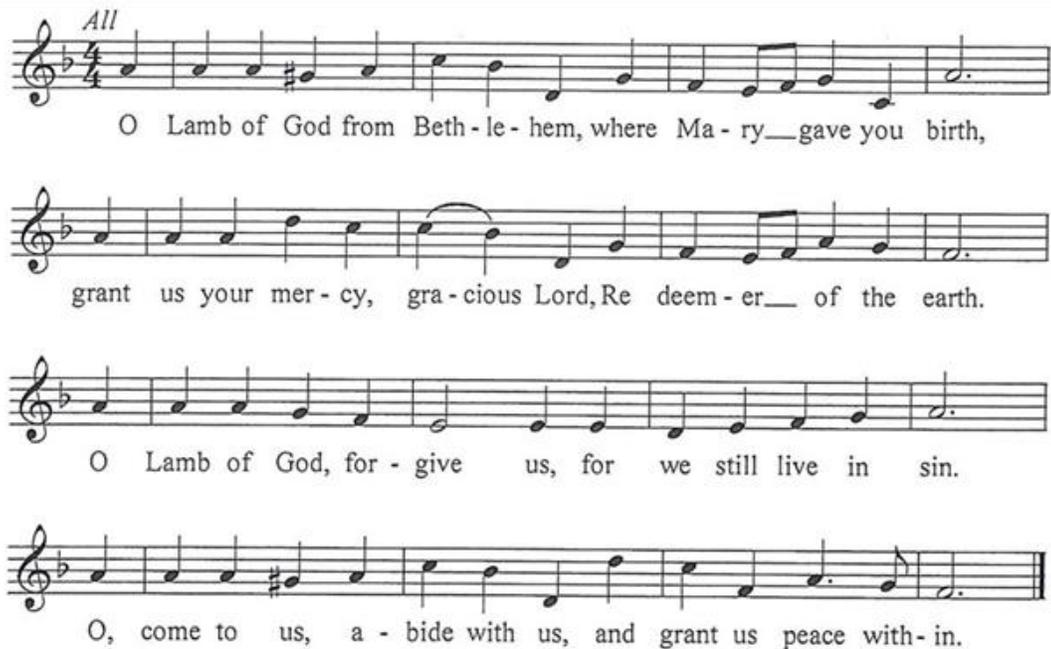
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
For ever and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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.

Lamb of God

All



O Lamb of God from Beth-le-hem, where Ma-ry gave you birth,
 grant us your mer-cy, gra-cious Lord, Re deem-er of the earth.
 O Lamb of God, for-give us, for we still live in sin.
 O, come to us, a-bide with us, and grant us peace with-in.

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Communion

The celebrant invites the people to share in communion and says,

People The gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

The choir receives and then everyone else comes forward for communion or a blessing. During Communion these hymns may be sung:

The Tree of Life

Common Praise 488

**The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit, and always green.
The trees of nature fruitless be,
Compared with Christ the apple tree.**

**His beauty doth all things excel,
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell,
The glory which I now can see,
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.**

**For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought;
I missed in all; but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.**

**I'm weary with my former toil,
Here I will sit and rest awhile;
Under the shadow will I be
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.**

**This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.**

Wait for the Lord

Common Praise 94

**Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!**

After Communion

Standing, the community prays in silence.

Celebrant. God for whom we wait,

All

you have fed us with the bread of eternal life.

Keep us ever watchful,

that we may be ready to stand

before the Son of Man.

We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen.

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.

Sending Hymn

Behold the Mountain of the Lord

Common Praise 112

**Behold! The mountain of the Lord
in later days shall rise
on mountaintops above the hills,
and draw the wondering eyes.**

**The beam that shines from Zion's hill
shall lighten every land;
The king who reigns in Salem's towers
shall all the world command.**

**Among the nations he shall judge,
with judgements true shall guide;
His scepter shall protect the just,
and quell the sinner's pride.**

**No strife shall rage, nor hostile feuds
disturb those peaceful years;
To ploughshares all shall beat their swords,
to pruning hooks their spears.**

**No longer host encountering hosts
shall crowds of slain deplore;
They hang their trumpet in the hall,
and study war no more.**

**Come then, O come from every land
to worship at God's shrine;
And walking in the radiant light,
with holy beauty shine.**

Dismissal

Celebrant

Go in hope and peace to love and serve the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God!

Postlude