

St Stephen the Martyr Anglican Church, Burnaby

Holy Eucharist with Zoom Option

The First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 27, 2022
10:00 AM



The Zoom codes for all our worship services are:

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The Gathering of the Community

Words of Welcome & a Territorial Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn: “Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus”

CP-88

1 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.

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

3 Born thy people to deliver; born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

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

Advent Wreath Lighting: Hope

Leader One: When I look around, I see shadows of hunger. So many neighbors, nearby
and around the world, will go to bed hungry tonight...

Leader Two: When I look around, I see shadows of injustice, the rich getting richer and the
poor getting poorer — and someone somewhere will fall asleep under a
bridge tonight...

Leader One: In the face of hunger, we light a candle of hope...

Leader Two: In the face of injustice, in the face of despair, we light a candle of hope...

The first candle on the Advent wreath is lit.

Leader One: May the light from this candle overwhelm the world.

Leader Two: May the light from this candle say to all that God's hope is coming, on earth
as it already is in heaven.

Leader One: Friends, be not afraid, God's hope is at hand!ⁱ

Collect of the Day:

Celebrant: Let us pray:

**All: God of peace, 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.ⁱⁱ**

Wait for the Lord

CP-94

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

[repeat 4 times]

Our children and their Sunday School teachers move to the parish hall for a short lesson.

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

(Isaiah 2:1-5)

Read by Bob R

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!

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 122

Responsive Reading

I was glad when they said to me,

❖ **"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"**

Our feet are standing

❖ **within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

Jerusalem—built as a city

❖ **that is bound firmly together.**

To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,

❖ **as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.**

For there the thrones for judgment were set up,

❖ **the thrones of the house of David.**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

❖ **"May they prosper who love you.**

Peace be within your walls

❖ **and security within your towers."**

For the sake of my relatives and friends

❖ **I will say, "Peace be within you."**

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,

❖ **I will seek your good.**

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

(Romans 13:11-14)

Read by Pat H

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already 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 throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

CP-393

1 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.

2 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.

3 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,
then wither and perish, but nought changeth thee.

4 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 splendour of light hideth thee.

The Gospel Reading

(Matthew 24:36-44)

read by Sara

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

"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 the 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 hour you do not expect.

The Gospel of Christ
All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection: The Rev. Ruth Monette

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant: We respond to the Word of God by recalling the faith we share using the words of the ancient Nicene Creed:

**All: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is,
seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People:

Led by Barb H

This morning, the Prayers of the People begins with a time of silence. The prayer leader will then name aloud our parish's known prayer concerns. They will conclude with the following prayer:

Leader: Lord, we watch, we wait, we look, we long for you. Dispel the clouds and darkness and awaken us to your glory, that we may walk in your light, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** ⁱⁱⁱ

Confession and Absolution:

Celebrant: A voice cries out in the wilderness,
'Make straight the way of the Lord.'
So let us listen, and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith. ^{iv}

Most merciful God,
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.

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. **Amen.**

The Peace:

Those sharing the peace with physical touch are invited to meet in the aisle. All others should remain in their pews. Greetings of waves, the V-shaped finger sign, or small bows are appropriate no-touch greetings.

Presider: May the God of peace make you completely holy,
ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.^v

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

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Financial offerings may be placed in the plates at the entrances to the worship space or made online at www.ststephenburnaby.ca/pages/donate.

 **Offertory Hymn: "God Whose Giving Knows no Ending"** CP-601

1 God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store—
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door—
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious Donor of our days.

2 Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labour, lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace
conferred; ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

The Prayer over the Gifts:

Celebrant: God of love and power, 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.

Celebrant: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.
You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.
And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

♪ **Sanctus** - "*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*"

CP-735

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophet's hopes and dreams.
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.

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

Celebrant: With this bread and 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.

All: **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.

All: **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.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our saviour taught us. ^{vi}

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

The Breaking the Bread:

Celebrant: God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All: **Happy are those who are called to Christ's table.**

Agnus Dei – "Jesus Lamb of God"

CP-747

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world,
Give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Communion

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Celebrant: The table of bread and wine is now made ready.
So come to this table, you who have much faith
and you who would like to have more;
you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a while
you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed;
Come.
It is Christ who invites us to meet him here. ^{vii}

To Receive Communion:

Please come forward to the step before the Altar to receive. We begin with the choir, the tech team, and the pews behind them and then move to the other side. Be attentive to physical distancing as you move within the space. To receive, extend both hands, one on top of the other so that the wafer may be placed on your palm. For the wine, you may take a sip from the chalice. We do not dip the wafer into the wine.

If you are not receiving wine, you may stay until the chalice is offered you or return to your seat immediately.

If you would prefer a blessing instead, please ask for one.

If you need Communion brought to you, please alert a greeter or wave at the priest when everyone else has received.

If you are attending in-person but are not receiving communion at this time, you may wish to say the following prayer.

Those on Zoom will say this prayer together.

In union, O God, with all your faithful people gathered wherever the eucharist is celebrated this day, we offer you praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption given to us through the life, death and resurrection of Christ, and for the means of grace and the hope of glory. We pray that we may know you in heart, and soul, and mind. Let nothing separate us from you. May we serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your promised reign of justice and peace; through Christ and in the unity of the Spirit. Amen.

Communion Hymns:

“Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts”

CP-70

1 Jesus, the joy of loving hearts, true source of life, our lives sustain;
from the best bliss that earth imparts, we turn unfilled to you again.

2 Your truth unchanged has ever stood; you rescue those who on you call:
to those yet seeking, you are good; to those who find you, all in all.

3 We taste of you, the living bread, and long to feast upon you still.
We drink from you, the fountain-head, our thirsty souls from you we fill.

4 Our restless spirits long for you, however may our lot be cast,
glad when your gracious smile we view, blessed when our faith can hold you
fast.

5 Jesus, forever with us stay: make all our moments calm and bright;
chase the dark night of sin away; shed through the world your holy light.

Prepare the way of the Lord, Prepare the way of the Lord,
And all people will see the salvation of our God.

The Sending Forth of the Community

Prayer after Communion:

Celebrant: God for whom we wait, 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**

+ Blessing:

Celebrant: May Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and may the blessing of God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier be upon you
always. ^{viii} **Amen.**

🎵 Closing Hymn: *“People Look East”*

CP-91

1 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.

2 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.

3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build,
one more 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.

4 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.

5 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.

Dismissal:

Leader: Our Lord says, "I am coming soon."

All: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: May the Lord, when he comes, find us watching and waiting.

All: Amen. ^{ix}

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Endnotes:

This service is based on resources from the [Book of Alternative Services](#) with additional material as listed below.

ⁱ The Advent candle lighting is from: <https://www.saltproject.org/progressive-christian-blog/2020/11/17/advent-candle-lighting-litanies>

ⁱⁱ The Collect of the day is from the Faith, Worship, and Ministry Committee of the General Synod of the Anglican Church.

ⁱⁱⁱ The prayer to conclude the Prayers of the People comes from “Clouds and Glory” Prayers for the Church Year, Year A” by David Adam.

^{iv} The introduction to the Confession is from “Times and Seasons” from the Church of England website. <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship/churchs-year/times-and-seasons/advent#mmm4>

^v The introduction to the Peace is from “Times and Seasons”

^{vi} The Eucharist Prayer is Form VII from Evangelical Lutheran Worship

^{vii} The invitation to Communion is adapted from liturgies prepared by the Iona Community <http://iona.org.uk>

^{viii} The blessing is from “Times and Seasons.”

^{ix} The dismissal is from “Times and Seasons.”