



10:00 am

December 4, 2022 – Second Sunday of Advent



Opening Hymn: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (CP #89) *verses 3-4*

Lighting of the Advent Candle

We light this candle for all God’s prophets,
confronting justice and restoring the dream of a world of freedom and peace.
God, as we wait for your promise, Give Light, Give Peace.

Land Acknowledgement

Creator, you made all people of every land. It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect to those who first occupied this land we are upon. We give thanks to the Coast Salish peoples, the first people of this land. Creator let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and those who have been displaced from it. With thankful and respectful hearts we pray. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
And also with you.

Almighty God,

**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.**

Sung Gloria (CP #376)

Kyrie: Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy.

The Collect

God of justice, **clear our lives of hatred and despair and sow in us seeds of joy and peace; so that shoots of hope may spring forth in us as we await the coming of the Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Children's Focus (*All children are welcome to come forward.*)

Children's Song: "A Candle is Burning" (VU #6) *verse 2*

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10 (*Don Paul*)

Psalm 72 (VU #790)

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13 (*Linda Mcrae*)

Gradual Hymn: "All Earth Is Waiting" (VU #5)

The Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12 (*Bob McGall*)

The Sermon: *The Rev. Marnie Peterson*

"Silence & Stillness for Prayer & Reflection"

The Apostles Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,
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 Intercession (Kathy Duncan)

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence

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**

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

Offertory Hymn: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (CP #88)

The Celebration of the Eucharist

God of abundance, **we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

May God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God**

Let us give thanks to God our Creator. **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts.

When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation.

Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory singing: (CP #732)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

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

Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (VU #959)

As Jesus taught us and in the language of your hearts, we now sing:

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 for ever. Amen.

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

Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Communion Anthem (CP #745)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

Come to the banquet for now all is ready.

These are the gifts of God for you, the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Communion Hymn: “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” (CP #100)

Prayer after Communion

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 Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

The Doxology

Glory to God, 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.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: “There’s a Voice in the Wilderness” (CP #106)

The Dismissal

Go in peace, Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

Anglican Church Calendars for the New Year

Anglican Church Calendars for 2023 are now available in the Church Office for \$6 each.

Angel Tree 2022

We are once again collecting gifts for the youth at McNair high school. Please visit the tree at the back of the sanctuary and select a tag (or two). Bring the items back to the church by December 11. They can be wrapped and notes/cards are good as well.

Children's Focus: Each Sunday at 10 am Service

During the season of Advent, children will learn about the Jesse Tree and place ornaments on the branches each Sunday.

Songs for the Season: Friday, December 9 at 7 pm @ St. Alban's

This program of Lessons and Carols is a community service sponsored by St. Alban's, St. Anne's, Gilmore Park United, Brighthouse United and South Arm United Churches along with the Salvation Army band. There will be a reception to follow and all are welcome! St. Alban's is located at 7250 St. Albans Road and there is parking behind the buildings.

Greening of the Church for the Season: December 17, beginning at 10 am

All are invited to this festive event where we will make and display fresh greenery around the sanctuary. There will be wreath making especially for the kids!

The Longest Night Service: December 18 at 7 pm

This service provides comfort to those who find the Christmas season a difficult time of year. Many found this a very meaningful offering last year. All are welcome.

* *Advent & Christmas* *

AT ST. ANNE'S

NOVEMBER 27 - ADVENT 1

Faith and Families at Gilmore Park United 12-2pm

DECEMBER 4 - ADVENT 2

DECEMBER 9

"Songs for the Season" at St. Alban's Anglican Church

DECEMBER 11 - ADVENT 3

DECEMBER 17

Greening of the church for the Season

DECEMBER 18 - ADVENT 4

The Longest Night Service at 7 pm

DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

Family Service at Gimore Park United at 4:30 pm

Candlelight Services at St. Anne's at 7 and 10 pm

DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

Service at 10 am





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We gather and worship on the ancestral and unceded territories of the Coast Salish Peoples.