

ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 4, 2022



Meeting on the traditional lands of the Snuneymuxw First Nation

Rector: The Ven. Clara Plamondon 250-753-2523 (O)
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Church Services:

Sunday	8:00 am	Holy Communion
	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist
Weekdays (except stats)	8:30 am	Morning Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday	11:00 am	Holy Communion

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**Please be aware the 10:30 service may be recorded or livestreamed,
and your presence in the service
is considered your consent to appear on camera.
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HOLY COMMUNION – 8:00 a.m.

*This Eucharistic liturgy is based on the
Anglican Church of Canada **Book of Common Prayer, page 67***

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traditional lands of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.*

Presider/Preacher: The Ven. Clara Plamondon

Liturgical Assistant: John Browne

Reader: Andrea Biener

Greeters: Andrea Biener

COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING:	Isa 11:1-10	John Browne
PSALM:	Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19 (pg 418)	L.A.
SECOND READING:	Romans 15:4-13	Andrea Biener
GOSPEL:	Matthew 3:1-12	
SERMON:		The Ven. Clara Plamondon
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:		John Browne

*The flowers on the main altar are given by the Heron family to the glory of God and in
loving memory of Michael.*

*The flowers on the side altar are given by Susan Conrad, to the glory of God and in
memory of the departed in the Conrad family.*

Altar Guild Team: Marilynne Mark, Linda Stump, Jane Barnes

Fellowship Hour is hosted today by:

8 am Service: Sue Gueulette

10:30 am Service: Sue McDonald & Kathie Day

HOLY EUCHARIST – 10:30 a.m.

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THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

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Music Director/Livestream Tech: Charles Harman, Organist: Freeman Dryden

Alternate A/V Tech: Graham Adams

Readers: Boyd Shaw, Joanne Bevis

Prayers of the People: Joy Adams Bauer

Greeters: Yvonne Oliver, Kathy McRae

Duty Warden: Don Gillett

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS: *(you may remain seated)*

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE:

ADVENT CANDLE HYMN: CP 94 - Wait for the Lord, Taizé Community (France) –
Jacques Berthier – WAIT FOR THE LORD.

Refrain (sung 3 x)

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart!

Choir

Rejoice in the Lord always: God is at hand.

Joy and gladness for all who seek the Lord.

Reader One: “They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be
full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of

Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious” (Isaiah 11:9-10 NRSV).

Reader Two: We are the followers of that root of Jesse Isaiah spoke of. We are the ones who are now called to stand as a signal to the world, to all of creation, that peace is the will of the one who created us. Peace is the knowledge of the Lord that we proclaim from sea to shining sea.

Reader One: “In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea proclaiming. “Repent for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” And “bear fruit worthy of repentance” (Matthew 3:1,2, 8 NRSV).

Reader Two: We light these candles, the candle of joyful hope and the candle of proclaimed peace, in part to remind ourselves that we are a people rising toward God’s promise. But we also light them as a sign to the world, an announcement there are some who hold on to hope and there are some who work the ways of peace. We stand as a sign that Emmanuel is still our fervent prayer.

(<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/advent-candle-lighting-liturgy-2022>)

(Light two candles)

Refrain (sung 2x)

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart!

GATHERING:

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.

L.A. **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.**

KYRIE

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.
Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r, create in us new hearts!

(ELCW – Holy Communion Setting Ten)

COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

Boyd Shaw

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Cantor



SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13

Joanne Bevis

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL PROCESSION: CP 476 – God You Have Caused to Be Written - Herbert O'Driscoll, *contemporary* CAUSA DIVINA — F. R. C. Clarke, *contemporary*

1 God, you have caused to be written
your word for our learning;
grant us that, hearing our hearts
May be inwardly burning.
Give to us grace,
That in your Son we embrace
Life, all its glory discerning.

2 Now may our God give us joy,
and all peace in believing
all things were written in truth
For our thankful receiving,
as Christ did preach,
through all the world love must reach:
grant us each day love's achieving.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL RECESSIONAL:

3 Lord, should the powers of the earth
and the heavens be shaken,
grant us to see you in all things,
our vision awaken.
Help us to see,
Though all the earth cease to be,
your truth shall never be shaken.

SERMON:

The Ven. Clara Plamondon

CHOIR ANTHEM: "On Jordan's Bank" arr. Malcolm Arche – Advent for Choirs collection

ADVENT CREED: *(please stand as you are able)*

L.A. We believe in God: **The Source of all things. The God of Abraham and Sarah. The Holy One who freed the slaves from Egypt. The God who is steadfast love and mercy. The God who made a straight path in the wilderness and who promises to make all things new.**

We believe in Jesus:

The Messiah, who is Emmanuel: God-with-us. He is King-of-Kings yet born of Mary. Jesus showed God's love through healing and teaching, Jesus chose the way of servant-suffering by dying on a cross. After three days he rose from the dead. He is the Lord, the first born of the new creation.

We believe in the Holy Spirit:

The One who inspires faith. Who has spoken through prophets and preachers and common people, the One who breathes new life into the church and the world, the Lord and giver of life. Who is making all things new.

We believe that God is still creating. We believe that Jesus is present with us. We believe that the Holy Spirit is calling us forth in love and mercy.

This is our hope, this is our faith. Amen.

(Lutheran Church)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Joy Adams Bauer

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

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

Silence is kept.

L.A. 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:

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

OFFERTORY HYMN: CP 106 – There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying J.L. Milligan, 1930 ASCENSION — H. Hugh Bancroft, 1938

1. There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places
where the Lord our God may go!

2. O Zion, give voice to good tidings,
ascend to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people
the coming of their King.
The works of pride all perish,
like flowers they shall decay;
the power and pomp of nations
shall pass like a dream away.

3. But your word, O God, is faithful,
your arm, O Lord, is strong:
you stand in the midst of nations,
and you will right the wrong.
You will feed your flock like a shepherd,
and fold the lambs to your breast;
in pastures of peace you'll lead them,
and give to the weary rest

4. There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places
where the Lord our God may go!

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:

God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: (Island Liturgy Eucharistic Prayer C)

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right that we should praise you, God of love, our source and our fulfillment, for you create all things and in you we live and move and have our being. Your wonder is manifest in land and sea and sky. You made us in your image. And even though we turn from you, again and again you call us to yourself, and in every age, promise liberation. As a mother gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own, to nurture them in the way of compassionate love. You sent Jesus among us, incarnate of the Holy Spirit and born of Mary. Jesus revealed your love for all Creation, and showed us the way of reconciliation.

Having lived among us - Jesus suffered the cross, died, and in rising again became the firstborn of the renewed family. And so as we gather around your table, With saints of every age and your beloved creation we raise our voices and sing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might, Heav'n 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.

(ELCW – Holy Communion Setting Ten)

To you be glory, almighty God, because on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many; do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we ask you to accept this, our sacrifice of praise. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son. When all of creation groans, unite us in Christ and give us your *hope* that we might be strengthened to do your work, as your body in the world. Through Christ our Redeemer, in the power of the Spirit, all praise and glory be yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Based on EP 1 New Zealand <http://www.liturgy.co.nz/celebratingeucharist/21eucharisticprayers.html>

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

David Haas

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD:

He whose Mother dreamed of hope for the poor is now present with us in this bread. He who birthed dreams in the hearts of many is now present in this wine.
May we live into God's dream of a new and just society.

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

AGNUS DEI

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
You suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
You set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
Eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

(ELCW – Holy Communion Setting Ten)

COMMUNION:

All are welcome to join us for communion. Our practice is to share the wine from a common cup. For health reasons you are asked not to dip the bread wafer into the wine. If you prefer, you may receive just bread. If you do not wish to receive communion, cross your arms in front of you to indicate to the clergy that you would like a blessing instead. We are happy to come to your seat to serve communion if you are unable to come forward – do let the greeter know.

COMMUNION HYMN: CP 108 - Hark a Herald Voice Is Sounding Latin, 10c.; tr. Edward Caswall OM, 1868 MERTON — W. H. Monk, 1879 (lyrics are in Blue Common Praise Hymnal)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Let us pray,
**All your works praise you, O Lord and your faithful servants bless you.
Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your
Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink
his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your
children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING:

SENDING HYMN: CP 101 - Hail to the Lord's Anointed - James Montgomery, 1834
CRÜGER — Johann Crüger, 1642

1. Hail to the Lord's anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

2. He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth.
Before him on the mountains
shall peace the herald go,
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.

3. Kings shall fall down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing.
To him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend,
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

4. O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove.
His name shall stand for ever:
that name to us is Love.

SENDING FORTH:

As we await our coming Saviour,
go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.