



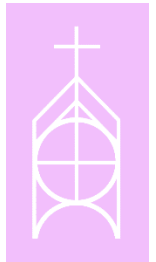
ADVENT 2019:  
nurturing  
simplicity

# the Parish of St. Dunstan

*On the traditional lands of the Sto:lo Nation*

December 15, 2019

Advent 3



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# Welcome!

This is a diverse & safe congregation for people wherever they are on their journey with Christ. We are an inclusive church which means we celebrate women in leadership, children at the Eucharist & welcome LGBTQ+ people to participate fully in the community.

## W O R S H I P

### **Advent:**

*The season of waiting for the arrival of Jesus  
as a baby & as Lord of All.*

### **For Children**

*The Nursery is staffed & open for children ages 0 to 4.*

*There is Sunday School this morning for children ages 5 to 12.*

*Activity bags are available in the entry near the colouring table.*

**All our volunteers & staff have a criminal record check.**

### **Taking Communion**

*Everyone is welcome to receive bread & wine as a sign of our commitment to Christ & Christ's commitment to us.*

*There are **gluten-free wafers** for those who need it & **juice** for those who prefer.*

**Prayers for healing** with the anointing of oil is offered beneath the cross during Communion. Please **light a candle** as a sign of your prayers.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**St. Dunstan's Choir  
Christmas Sing a Long**      *Tonight, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8pm*  
*Admission by donation*  
*Refreshments following in the Hall*

**Lectio & Labyrinth**      *Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> noon*  
*Will resume on January 10<sup>th</sup>*

**Messy Church**      *Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 6:30pm*

**Sung Evening Prayer**      *Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30pm*

## ADVENT CHALLENGE

care  share

*This year the local ministry initiative of the Diocese of New Westminster is supporting*

### **Urban Aboriginal Ministry**

*UAM reaches out to First Nations people from across Canada who are living here in Vancouver.*

*These individuals sometimes find themselves in desperate situations & need support & help.*

*For more information, visit our website & check out the news item titled **Advent Challenge**.*

*Please designate all donations to **Care+Share**.*

The liturgy is taken from the Book of Alternative Services of the Anglican Church of Canada. Hymns numbers are indicated after the hymn title & found in the blue Common Praise hymn book. The readings are taken from the Revised Common Lectionary. The entire service is projected on the wall.

## Gathering the Community

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*the Greeting, Announcements & the Collect for Purity*

**Kyrie**

**Prepare the Way of the Lord**

**O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

*the Prayer of the Day*

## Proclaiming the Word

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*The Prophet Isaiah (35:1-10)*

**Song of Mary**

*The Letter of James (5:7-10)*

**Lift Your Voice**

*the Gospel according to Matthew (11:2-11) & the Sermon*

*the Prayers of the People, the Confession & Absolution*

*the Peace & the Offering*

**Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus, 88**

## Holy Communion

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*All are welcome to receive bread & wine (or juice) at Communion.*

**Wait for the Lord, 94**

**Eat This Bread, 63**

**In You There is a Refuge**

**All Who Are thirsty**

## Sending the Community

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*the Blessing*

**Joy Shall Come, 104**

**Coffee & refreshments are served in the hall following the service.**

**Please visit the Information Table in the entry if you have any questions.**

# Today's Scripture

Introductions to the Lessons by Bill Bennett

**Isaiah 35:** In a time of political, social & spiritual uncertainty the prophet declares a message of hope & confirms the status of Mt. Zion in Jerusalem.

**James 5:** The writer, in expectation of Christ's Second Coming, pleads for patience.

**Matthew 11:** John the Baptist, now in prison, seeks reassurance regarding the ministry of Jesus as Messiah.

## Sermon Notes

### Advent 3: Joy amid blue.

The third Sunday in Advent is dedicated to Joy. That is why the colours change today. From the solemn blue to the cheerful rose. Thanks to Merrill for creating for us the beautiful pink hangings to help us in our prayer. & to Ruth, the Sunday School, Helen & Barb for the beautiful pink stoles. We are thrilled to have Lorie Martin as our guest preacher this morning.

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**Men's Coffee**  
Wednesdays at 9am

**Women's Coffee & Crafts**  
Fridays at 10am

**Centering Prayer**  
Wednesdays at 6:30pm & Fridays at 11:30am

**Study Group**  
Wednesdays at 7pm.  
This week we will recall the Woman at the Well with the Reverend Dr. April Stanley.

**Youth Group**  
Fridays at 7pm. Call 778-987-0530 for location.

# ADVENT WREATH PRAYER

The following is a resource to help you connect with the themes of Advent & continue your prayers through the week. This can be done on your own or in the family group. This liturgy is based on Home Prayers found in the Book of Alternative Services (p. 687). **If you do not have a prayer book, please take & keep one for your use.**

Our devotions will centre around the great song of Mary & the ancient O Antiphons that have been sung with it. The O Antiphons use a variety of images to wonder about Jesus. We know these Antiphons primarily through the great Advent hymn, O come, O Come Emmanuel.

## 1. The Preparation

The First (Blue) Advent candle is lit as someone prays,

**Author of light, yours is the morning & yours is the evening. Let Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine for ever in our hearts & draw us to your light. Amen.**

## 2. The Reading & Reflection

Read the passage from Scripture then reflect using the wonder questions as your guide. This guide uses the New Revised Standard Version.

### O WISDOM – LUKE 1:46-55 & ISAIAH 11:2-3

Dec 16

The First Antiphon – O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from one end to the other, mightily & sweetly ordering all things: Come & teach us the way of prudence.

*I wonder how Mary's song reveals the kind of wisdom God has.*

### O ADONAI – LUKE 1:46-55 & ISAIAH 11:4-5

Dec 17

The Second Antiphon – O Adonai, & leader of the House of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush & gave him the law on Sinai: Come & redeem us with an outstretched arm.

*I wonder how God's law helps us.*

### O ROOT OF JESSE – LUKE 1:46-55 & ISAIAH 11:1, 10

Dec 18

The Third Antiphon – O Root of Jesse, standing as a sign among the peoples; before you kings will shut their mouths, to you the nations will make their prayer: Come & deliver us, & delay no longer.

*I wonder what kind of king Jesus is.*

Dec 19

### O KEY OF DAVID – LUKE 1:46-55 ✨ ISAIAH 22:22

*The Fourth Antiphon – O Key of David & sceptre of the House of Israel; you open ✨ no one can shut; you shut ✨ no one can open: Come ✨ lead the prisoners from the prison house, those who dwell in darkness ✨ the shadow of death.*

*I wonder what kinds of imprisonments Jesus frees people from.*

Dec 20

### O MORNING STAR – LUKE 1:46-55 ✨ ISAIAH 9:2

*The Fifth Antiphon – O Morning Star, splendour of light eternal ✨ sun of righteousness: Come ✨ enlighten those who dwell in darkness ✨ the shadow of death.*

*I wonder what it means to dwell in darkness.*

Dec 21

### O KING OF THE NATIONS – LUKE 1:46-55 ✨ ISAIAH 28:16

*The Fifth Antiphon – O King of the nations, ✨ their desire, the cornerstone making both one: Come ✨ save the human race, which you fashioned from clay.*

*I wonder what it means that all people are made of clay.*

Dec 22

### O EMMANUEL – LUKE 1:46-55 ✨ ISAIAH 7:14

*The Fifth Antiphon – O Emmanuel, our king ✨ our lawgiver, the hope of the nations ✨ their Saviour: Come ✨ save us, O Lord our God.*

*I wonder what it means to say that God is our saviour.*

Dec 23

### JESUS IS BORN – LUKE 2:1-20

*The day before we gather together to celebrate the birth of Jesus, take some time to reread the story of Jesus' birth. Place yourself in the story. What character do you want to be? What do you see?*

*I wonder how you are part of the story of Jesus' birth.*

### 3. Prayers & the Lord's Prayer

*Pray the Advent litany from the Book of Alternative Services (page 119).  
The liturgy concludes with the Lord's Prayer.*

# Christmas Eve

6pm, 10:30pm



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